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Local MP continues campaign to dual busy Somerset roads

LOCAL MP David Laws met with Cheif Secretary to the Treasury, Danny Alexander, to continue his campaign for improvements to the A303 and A358 in Somerset, ahead of the Autumn Statement which will be delivered by the Chancellor in a little over a month's time.

Mr Laws, the Liberal Democrat MP for the Yeovil constituency, has strongly backed the campaign to dual the A303 east of the Blackdown Hills ever since he was elected as the local MP in 2001, and during that time he has also called for dualling of the stretch of the A358 leading up to the M5 from Ilminster.

The stretch of road near Stonehenge has served to hold back improvements plans in the past, but Mr Laws this week welcomed the news that both English Heritage and the National Trust had indicated their agreed support for the development of a business case for a twin bored tunnel of between 2.5km and 2.9km on the stretch of the A303, which passes Stonehenge.

The Transport Secretary, Patrick McLoughlin MP, wrote to Mr Laws last week setting out the basis of their agreement. In his letter, the Secretary of State described it as "an important milestone in reaching a successful outcome from the study work".

Last month, Mr Laws met with the Transport Secretary to talk about the feasibility study which is looking at a range of proposals to tackle the problems faced by motorists using the A303/A30/A358 corridor.

Commenting, Mr Laws said: "I met with Danny Alexander in order to highlight the incredibly frustrating problems which motorists come up against when using the A303. Anybody who has used the road knows how often traffic jams and severe delays impact on journey times. It really is time that we tackled this and put in place a costed plan to dual the entire length of the road east of the Blackdown Hills.

■ **DAVID LAWS MP: 'Other parties have failed to improve the A303 and A358'**

"I have been campaigning for the road to be dualled for well over 10 years now and I very much hope that we will finally receive some good news in the Autumn Statement later this year. We also need to dual the A358 from Ilminster to the M5.

"The other two major parties have completely failed when it comes to improving the A303 and the A358. The Conservatives got nowhere and made matters worse by building the infamous Ilminster bypass during the Margaret Thatcher and John Major years, but with only one lane each way and with a poor quality and noisy road surface. Labour promised a lot under Tony Blair and Gordon Brown. However, after two years and no sign of work they gave up on the principle all together."

Martock Youth Club awarded £100

THREE Somerset youth groups, including one in Martock, have each won £100 to spend on activities, equipment or day trips for their club.

Somerset County Council's Youth and Community Service recently ran a photo competition for all youth clubs across the county. Clubs were asked to send in a photo they felt represented how great it is to be involved in a youth group or project.

The three winning photos were chosen from Martock Youth Club, Tintinhull Youth Club and Taunton YMCA. Each club has been awarded £100 to spend within their clubs.

Councillor Frances Nicholson, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, said: "There were so many excellent entries into this photo competition and the winners truly highlight the fun energy that our youth clubs embody. Congratulations to each of the winning clubs; enjoy your winnings!"

The winners are now set to become the faces of the Council's Youth and Community Service as the photos will be used for promotional posters and leaflets.

■ **WINNING PHOTO: The photo submitted by Martock Youth Club which won £100**

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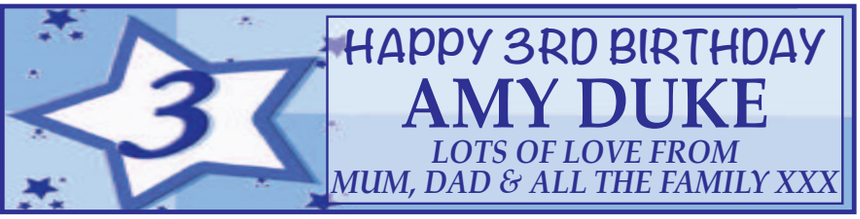

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Successful app for market towns reaches more than 1,000 people

THE Market Towns Investment Group are celebrating the success of their Town Guide app for iPads, tablets and smart phones, after it was downloaded by more than 1,000 people.

The app connects nine towns - Crewkerne, Chard, Ilminster, Bruton, Castle Cary, Langport, Martock, Somerton and Wincanton - in one easy to use application, with features including special offers, interactive town trails and shop listings.

The South Somerset Market Towns app was released in July 2013 as a work in progress. Since April 2014, nine dedicated volunteers in each of the market towns have been developing and promoting the app to further enhance user experience.

Being a community-led project, local information is inputted straight into the app by the people who run the shops, offer the local services and organise special events and visitor attractions, meaning information is kept relevant and up-to-date.

Councillor Angie Singleton, chairman of the Market Town Investment Group, said: "With 1,000 downloads we know that lots of people are using the South Somerset Market Towns app to find out what all our wonderful market towns have to offer them. It's been great helping people to develop this project and see the hard work pay off."

Interactive town trails are now being added to the app, allowing you to explore the local towns with satnav technology that can track your every move and pinpoint your exact location on route. The trails also include useful pop-ups informing you of the local history and heritage.

Everyone loves a bargain and the special offers feature simply makes a list of current local deals making them easier to find. The app can also send a push notification to your mobile or tablet, to notify you when a new offer is added.

A full list of local restaurants, shops, accommodation and travel information can be found for all nine towns on the app, searchable in the handy A-Z section.

Information on the app, such as location details, contact numbers and social media sites, will all link up with your mobile or tablet, meaning you can call, get directions, visit a website or even email with a one touch of a button. The app also links to Twitter and Facebook meaning you can share your location, shop details or a review, with all of your friends online.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS: Chairman of MTIG, Councillor Angie Singleton, and MTIG marketing intern, Kerri Bruce, joined by representatives of the Market Town Investment Group and South Somerset District Council's Area Development Managers, Andrew Gillespie (Area West) and Helen Rutter (Area East)

Project co-ordinator Kerri Bruce said: "Download the South Somerset Market Towns app now; not only could it benefit you, but you'll also be supporting our local towns and traders too".

The Market Towns Investment Group is a partnership of town councils, South Somerset District Council and local regeneration groups. Traders in the market towns can get their business listed for free on the app.

For questions or information, contact Kerri Bruce by emailing kerri.bruce@southsomerset.gov.uk

MP joins campaign against bank closure

LOCAL MP david Laws has expressed concern followed news that the NatWest branch in South Petherton is to close on Hanuary 20th 2015.

Mr Laws, the Liberal Democrat MP for the Yeovil constituency, has this week written to Ross McEwan, NatWest's chief executive, to outline his concerns and to ask him to look closely at the proposals. Residents and businesses in South Petherton have also started a petition against the planned branch closure, which is attracting considerable support in the village and the surrounding area.

Mr Laws said: "The NatWest bank in South Petherton provides vital services for residents and businesses alike, some of whom rely on it on an everyday basis.

"I am very concerned at the plans to close the branch and I know that many of the residents in the village are also worried about the impact this closure will have because a number of them have taken the time to get in touch with me.

"I have written to NatWest's chief executive outlining our concerns and I very much hope that he will look at the proposals closely over the next few months."

If you have a story for the Weekender call Anders on 01297 631120 or 01297 446161

Local Co-operative store to be given £500,000 revamp

THE Co-operative supermarket in Ilminster reopened yesterday (Thursday) after being given a £500,000 revamp to create a new shopping experience for the local community.

The store closed on October 19th to be redefined with an enhanced in-store bakery range, and a focus on fresh, healthy foods and essentials. The new-look store was also given new flooring and new refrigeration, with extended ranges of meat and dairy products. In addition, work has been carried out to enable customers to pick up fashion items with clothing retailer Peacocks also opening a concession in the store.

The Co-operative food store will now operate on the extended opening hours of 6am to 10pm Monday to Saturday, and 11am to 5pm on Sundays.

The fresh-faced store has now been selected to pioneer a new role, known as a Community Pioneer, where a member of the food store team, Kerry Lawrence, will work to foster involvement and participation in community activities and fundraising initiatives to help understand local needs and contributing to improving community life. The focus of the supermarket's in-store fundraising for the remainder of the year will be Ilminster Carnival, which raises money to distribute to local good causes.

Debbie Rodway, store manager, said: "We are thrilled to be making such a significant investment in our Ilminster store and delighted that we have a fantastic new store with which to serve the community – it is an exciting time for the whole team and we are looking forward to welcoming customers into their new-look store.

"The Co-operative is a community retailer and we are committed to playing an active role in local life, embracing the area's community spirit. The store will be a hub for the local community and customers will be able to find out what is going on locally, and learn about how the Co-operative can benefit local groups.

"With the combination of our redefined store, innovations in our own-brand 'Loved By Us' range and the Co-operative's commitment to lowering prices on hundreds of everyday essentials under its 'Fair and Square' prices banner, I am confident we will provide the community with everything needed to pick-up delicious food conveniently and create inspirational and tasty meals at home."

Special offers and promotions are being offered to customers this week to celebrate the relaunch.

Shoppers will also be able to browse the new outlet of Wales-based fashion retailer Peacocks, which also opened in store yesterday.

Peacocks stands for quality and value for the whole family. The business is dedicated to bringing customers exceptional value for money on the high street with its range including the best of basics, starting at just £3, to the latest fashions for women, men and children.

Peacocks was founded 130 years ago by Albert Peacock in 1884; a Penny Bazaar selling anything and everything. The founding principle of value helped Peacocks develop a successful business that continued to grow throughout the twentieth century.

Bought by the Edinburgh Woollen Mill group in 2012, the head office is located in Cardiff, South Wales. Peacocks currently has 450 stores across the UK, with 50 further new stores opening this year. Peacocks also has a number of stores internationally, currently in Malta, Greece, Cyprus, Gibraltar and Malaysia.

A second chance to apply for local grants

A NUMBER of grant awards under the Community Development Fund were approved by Chard Town Council at its full council meeting in October.

There is still funding available and it has therefore been agreed to have a second round of grant funding.

The fund seeks to help voluntary and community groups and charitable organisations in the town to set up new projects or enhance their current activities or facilities. The first round of funding has seen a variety of applications and, so far, grants have been awarded to nine local groups. The council describes the scheme as "a fair way to assist with capital funding in Chard which can help groups that will provide maximum benefit for people within town".

The council is seeking to support many different kinds of projects, such as staging a one-off event, funding a pilot or one-off project or the purchase of new equipment. The scheme looks to support smaller-scale groups with capital projects and will not normally cover revenue grants for running costs.

The maximum amount available for each application is £1,000 with no minimum limit. Applicants will be expected to match-fund 25 per cent of the project costs with their own resources and supply financial statements and estimates where appropriate in accordance with the terms of the application.

The closing date for the second phase of funding is Wednesday, December 31st and application forms are available to download from the council's website www.chard.gov.uk or by contacting the council on 01460 239567.

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Former lorry driver celebrates 100th

■ BIRTHDAY BOY: George Evans pictured above with family and friends on his 100th birthday

VAUGHAN Lee House, in Ilminster, celebrated the 100th birthday of one of its residents earlier this month.

Friends and family of George Evans were able to join him at the home and provided a delicious cake to mark the occasion, and among the many cards received was one from the Queen.

Born, in Isle Brewers, the middle of three children, George always walked to school in Hambridge. He worked locally as a milk lorry driver and when he and his wife, Hilda, moved to Winterhay Lane, Ilminster, George took up long-distance lorry driving. He travelled the length and breadth of the UK and was well-known for his 2am starts, complete with a case full of maps and packed lunches.

Employers included Lockyers of Clapton, MS Small & Sons and Powrmatic of Ilminster and, while thoroughly enjoying his travels, he had the pleasure of meeting several celebrities.

George has always loved sports and his favourite, football, still provides the opportunity to support Yeovil Town. In his early days, he played for local clubs and Ilminster Reserves.

All at Vaughan Lee house join his family in wishing him warm congratulations on his milestone birthday.

Ilminster charity produces film to help tackle Ebola crisis

ILMINSTER-based charity Purple Field Productions (PFP) has produced an educational film, made in Sierra Leone and in the local language, about self-protection against Ebola.

The charity was set up ten years ago and is run by Elspeth Waldie and a band of dedicated trustees and volunteers from her front room in Ilminster.

The film was made in Sierra Leone by a film-making club Elspeth met when making a separate film about street children there two years ago.

Club members were enthusiastic about making films but had no equipment or training. But PFP has provided both, so when the Ebola crisis struck they were ready and able to make the film.

Now PFP's efforts are concentrated on supporting the club members. Since they made the film, the situation has become very much worse.

Elspeth said "We are offering support to a group of individuals who we know and with whom we have worked. It's about friendship and solidarity. We know things may get considerably worse for them and we must offer a helping hand over the next six months or so to give them hope.

"We are determined to keep this team strong and positive. They are the ones who can produce a follow-up film, perhaps produce it in other languages/dialects for other communities, and so on."

If you can help with funding PFP's effort, go to the crowd funding link http://bit.ly/PFPEbolaAppeal or send a cheque payable to Purple Field Productions at 10 Hill View Terrace, Ilminster, Somerset TA19 9AL.

Choir concert raises £620 at the Minster

■ THE Rotary Club of Ilminster hosted the Dorset Police Male Voice Choir at the Minster this week.

Organised by members of the club's Community Service Committee, chaired by Rotarian Brenda Lake, fellow Rotarian Stuart Shepherd acted as Master of Ceremonies.

The audience were treated to everything from Wagner to Gilbert and Sullivan and "Danny Boy" under the direction of Dr Jane Oakland.

The star attraction for many was Wadham School pupil George Horgan, who contributed a fine solo performance that included "The Vagabond" by Vaughan Williams, to much acclaim.

Formed in 1995, the choir has 55 members and is much in demand both here and abroad, having raised more than £260,000 for good causes. On this occasion the proceeds of £620 went to the Children's Hospice South West.

In summing up the event, President John Wood thanked everyone for their enthusiastic support for such an important charity.

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Schools join forces for special events

■ SCHOOLS from the Three Saints Federations - Shepton Beauchamp and St Mary & St Peter's in Barrington - have had a busy few weeks with a number of special activities. Older students recently enjoyed a Forest School Day, working outdoors in Barrington in teams to build shelters, work in the stream and cook over an open fire. The children learnt about the types of wood to collect to make a good fire and toasted marshmallows. They also went on a CD tree top walk, looking at what was above them in the reflection of CDs, whilst trusting each other to not bump into trees or trip over, as well as other team building games. Students from the two schools also got together for harvest festival celebrations at Home Farm in Shepton Beauchamp, giving children the opportunity to see a busy farm at work before celebrating harvest with songs, readings and prayers led by the Reverend Annie Gurner, Deanery Rural Adviser. Children have also spent a day at Montacute House to learn about the Tudors and went on a "bear hunt" at Brook Green in Ilton after being inspired by popular children's book "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury.

BATS ask 'What's New Pussycat?'

AFTER the sell-out success of last years pre-Christmas musical, "Joseph", Barrington Ameteur Theatre Society (BATS) have turned their talents to a new musical, loosely based on the family favourite pantomine, "Puss in Boots".

The show asks the question "What's New Pussycat?" and features a long list of hits, interwoven into a magical story, from the likes of Madonna, Beyonce, Blondie, Nancy Sinatra, James Brown, Brenda Lee, Roy Orbison, Cliff Richard, Andy Williams and, of course, the title song so closely associated with Tom Jones!

The young and energetic cast, supported by several BATS stalwarts, will sing and dance their way through many huge and popular hit songs of today and yesteryear and there is even a dancing camel!

The show is being produced and directed by Carol Crane with musical direction by Viv Cummings and will be staged at Broadway Village Hall. There are four performances from Thursday, November 20th to Saturday 22nd with curtain up at 7.30pm, and a matinee performance on Saturday at 2.30pm.

Tickets cost £6 for adults and £3 for children and are available from the cast, Carol on 01460 53968, Novahomes in Chard on 01460 64111 and from Horton Post Office & Village Shop on 01460 52684.

Plans set for Remebrance service

THE Ilminster Civic Remembrance Service will be held in the Minster Church of St Mary on Sunday, November 9th at 3pm followed by wreath laying at the War Memorial in the churchyard.

The service will be conducted by the Reverend Nigel Done and the address given by the Reverend Ken Fowler, Ilminster Royal British Legion branch chaplain.

Veterans, ACF and ATC cadets will march to church from Frog Lane at 2.40pm. After the service and wreath laying, the parade will form up and march to Greenfylde School by way of Silver Street, Ditton Street, Canal Way and Wharf Lane led by the Stoke sub Hamdon Band.

The Deputy Lieutenant of Somerset, Lord Cameron DL, together with David Laws MP and the Mayor of Ilminster, Councillor Emma Jane Taylor, will take the salute in Canal Way.

After the parade there will be tea and biscuits in Greenfylde School Hall.

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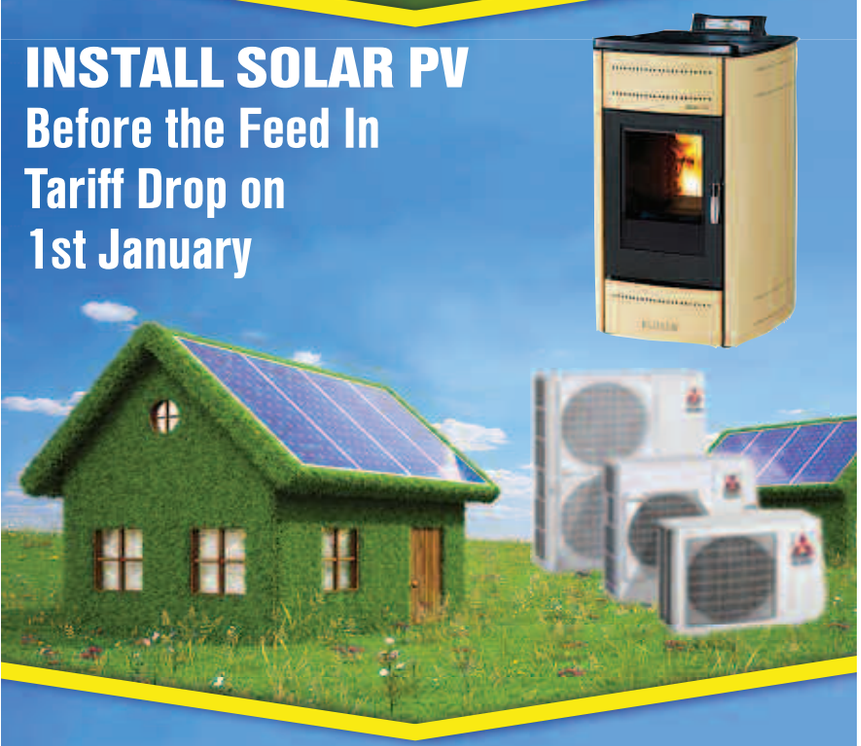

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Ferne urgently seeking new home for 'inseparable' dogs

FERNE Animal Sanctuary is deperately looking for a new home for two inseparable dogs currently living at the charity's headquarter in Wambrook, near Chard.

Due to doggie pals Lola and Sherman becoming depressed, the sanctuary is urgently appealing for a new owner and is willing to cover all veterinary costs, vaccinations, worming and flea treatments that will be needed for the rest of the dogs' lives as an incentive.

They will also transport the dogs to their new home anywhere in the country – no matter how far. In addition, the sanctuary will provide the new owner with collars, leads, bowls, beds, toys, treats and six months supply of food, and there will be no adoption fee to pay.

Tara Nirula, acting head of animal care at Ferne Animal Sanctuary said: "Lola and Sherman have both experienced neglect in the past and have been at Ferne for over 18 months now. They are urgently in need of a new loving home where they can be together for the rest of their lives.

"Although the dogs did not originally arrive at the sanctuary at the same time, for some reason it was love at first sight and they are now inseparable.

"When Lola came back from the vets after being neutered she was put in a different kennel for recovery. Sherman was devastated at being separated from her and could be heard howling across the whole sanctuary. She was then put in a crate within his kennel and he immediately calmed down.

"If either of them is walked individually, the remaining dog will lie in their bed sulking until the other returns. They always share a bed - even if it is a bit of a squeeze!

"Lola and Sherman are very friendly and are looking for an owner who can give them lots of attention as they love human company. They are happy to live with children of 10 years and over.

"They are very gentle, affectionate dogs who enjoy having lots of cuddles. They would be more suited to a rural home with plenty of space as they love bounding around and playing together. They would not need long walks if they had enough land available. They are house-trained, not destructive and are fine travelling in the car.

"Lola and Sherman have been at Ferne Animal Sanctuary for a long time now and have started to get quite depressed. They are often seen lying down with their heads in their paws. It is heart breaking to see, as they are normally such loveable, happy dogs."

For further details call the animal care team at Ferne Animal Sanctuary on 01460 65214.

Ferne Animal Sanctuary launched their "New Digs for Dogs" £1million project for 2014/15 in March 2014 to build a new enhanced kennel block, improved grooming and veterinary care room, information hub, social unit, offices, reception and purpose built rehoming centre at their site in Somerset.

Fundraising packs for the appeal, details of how to donate and more information about all their events can be obtained by calling 01460 65214 or by visiting www.ferneanimalsanctuary.org

Mayor joins pupils for open day

■ THE Mayor of Chard, Councillor Jenny Kenton, attended Chard School's open morning earlier this month. Guests, including Councillor Kenton, prospective parents, former students and members of the Chard School community were given a tour of the school, met headteacher Paul Cawley-Wakefield, and enjoyed refreshments in the school chapel. The mayor is pictured during her tour with members of Year 1 in the art studio.

New head of rugby at Holyrood

SIMON Jenkins has been appointed head of rugby development at Holyrood Academy in Chard.

He comes to the newly-established rugby academy with an extensive list of accolades and experience.

Simon has played professional rugby for Exeter Chiefs, Newport Gwent Dragons and Doncaster Knights, as well having represented Wales at U19 and U21 levels. He is head coach at Chard RFC and brings with him coaching qualifications in UKCC Level 3, as well as a BSc in sport coaching.

Simon's vision for the rugby academy is "ultimately for Holyrood Academy to be the premier rugby playing educational establishment in the region for both boys and girls".

He added: "There is a three to five-year plan in place to achieve this. Every player will receive the best possible coaching to help them achieve their potential both on the field and in the classroom.

"There is so much talent in every age group at Holyrood and the opportunity to develop this, coupled with a headteacher who is so committed to raising the standards of sport in the academy, is very exciting."

WWI research links school to Belgian family

WHILE researching the First World War for their history and ICT lessons, Year 5 and 6 pupils came across a story which links Chard School to the former mayor of Belgian village Burst.

The students found an enquiry on the Somerset Remembers website – a photograph dated 1915 of boys in distinctive shirts and a question asking if anyone recognised the Somerset school.

The pupils looked into the school archives and found the very same photo on the wall of one of the school rooms. Thanks to Derrick Warren's "History of Chard School", the backdrop od the photo could clearly be seen in other photos of the school, with most of these building having long since disappeared.

The Belgian historian researching the photo, Walter de Swaef, was pleased to receive an answer to his enquiry and sent the students the story of one of the former Chard School pupils, Charles Dooreman, pictured in the photo.

The Dooreman family lived in Burst, a small village in Flanders, Belgium, where they had a farm, windmill and brewery. Leopold Dooreman had been mayor of the village since 1889. He had three children, a son that died soon after birth, a daughter and a second son, Charles.

On August 4th 1914, the Germans invaded Belgium and on October 12th 1914, they entered Burst where they stayed until November 11th 1918.

Mr Dooreman's life was in danger so he left for Ostend, where his wife and children had been on holiday. In Ostend, he established that his wife had left for England and Mr Dooreman decided that he would take the last boat to join her.

In December 1914, the family moved to Chard. Dooreman decided that his son should learn English so he was enrolled as a pupil of Chard School. Although he was 15 years old, he was in a class of 11 to 12-year-old boys so it is clear to see him in the photo, as he was much taller than the other boys.

In 1916, Charles volunteered for the Belgian army and, after training in France, fought at the front in Flanders Fields until the end of the war. According to his surviving children, he was nearly killed in the trenches when, in May 1918, his unit was bombarded at Oostkerke. One of his comrades died and three severely wounded.

After the war, the family returned to Belgium and Charles followed his father into the liquor trade and eventually became Mayor of Burst.

Chard School has lived through many wars in its long and illustrious history with large numbers of its pupils taking part in active service. Many of the faces in the historic school photographs have long since gone but, with the help of technology, the story of one young man in 1915 has become very much alive for the current students.

■ WAR YEARS: The 1915 photo of former Chard School pupils including Charles Dooreman (second from right, centre row). Charles is also pictured left and with his family below

Charles Dooreman is recorded on Chard School's Remembrance plaque and will be remembered at a special Remembrance service at the school on November 11th.

Jobcentre funds course to help unemployed in Chard

THE WATCH (Working Altogether in Chard) Project has announced it is to deliver a 12-week course for unemployed people in Chard and the surrounding areas.

The pilot initiative is funded by Jobcentre Plus Devon Cornwall and Somerset through the Flexible Support Fund. It will help people receiving health-related benefits through a peer support model that will provide additional help to find work, voluntary placements, self-employment, further education or training.

Participants will have access to the existing resources and expertise within the WATCH Project, which aims to reach out and engage with isolated adults in need of support.

Julie Matthews, project manager from WATCH, said: "We are looking forward to the positive affect this pilot initiative could have for individuals living in Chard and the surrounding areas. The encouragement it provides should help people who have been isolated due to ill-health feel more included in their communities, and give them a more positive outlook on their journey back to work."

Carolyn Webster, district business manager for Jobcentre Plus Devon Cornwall and Somerset, added: "The Flexible Support Fund is designed to add value and plug gaps in existing provision and this is certainly the case with the WATCH Project.

"By combining the resource and expertise of the Project with additional investment from Jobcentre Plus we can make a bigger difference for the people in the area who need it most."

GOT A STORY?
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New dictionaries for primary students

■ **A PROJECT supported by the Rotary Club of Crewkerne is the presentation of Usborne Dictionaries to Year 5 students at Maiden Beech Academy and last Wednesday six Rotarians, supported by club president Peter Hardwill, presented the dictionaries to the students. The Usborne Dictionary is an illustrated book with not only an explanation of the meaning of word but it also contains explanations of the language use and variations, reasons and history all designed to suit students as they move to their higher education. Students are pictured above with their new dictionaries behind Rotarians, from left, Robbie Heyd-Smith, Chris Gough, Michael Dandridge, Peter Hardwill, Tim Spilsburg and Norman Powell.**

Local crew called to Clapton accident

A CAR overturned on B3165 at Clapton in the evening of Sunday, October 19th.

Emergency services were alerted just before 9.40pm, and a spokesperson for the fire and rescue service said: "One fire appliance from Crewkerne, one fire appliance and the rescue tender from Yeovil attended.

Fire crews confirmed a single-vehicle road traffic collision involving an overturned car blocking the roadway.

"One adult female casualty was assisted from the car but not physically trapped.

"Members of the public had removed a pet dog from the vehicle prior to the arrival of the fire service.

"Fire crews rendered first aid to the casualty prior to the arrival of the ambulance.

"Fire crews made the vehicle safe and left the incident in the hands of police."

Colourful new brand for solicitors

HUMPHRIES Kirk, a leading solicitors firm with offices in Dorset and Somerset as well as city and international links, has refreshed its brand under the new strapline "for life in all its colours".

The firm's roots trace back to the 1700s and its experience and expertise range from assisting commercial clients with disputes, helping families with legal issues to supporting international clients with contracts and banking matters.

As part of the colourful new branding, Humphries Kirk, which has a branch in Crewkerne, now has a modern website which complements its social media offering and is consistent with its new brochures and adverts.

Katharine Jones, partner at Humphries Kirk, said: "As a solicitors' practice Humphries Kirk has had a colourful past. We can trace our roots back some 300 years.

"We appreciate that people come to us in times of need, whether it be for a positive reason or at a more challenging time of their life and we agreed that 'for life in all its colours' accurately represented the firm's friendly and approachable manner, contrasted with our expertise and reliability at getting the right results for our clients."

The firm has also introduced e-marketing tools and the option for clients to have Skype meetings with solicitors rather than face-to-face. Customers can visit the Humphries Kirk Wimborne office and use its Skype facilities to speak to a solicitor for a more personal approach.

■ **MODERN TECHNOLOGY: Humphries Kirk partner Katharine Jones speaks to Jonathan Cohen via Skype**

Katharine added: "We understand that these days people are pulled in all different directions, and they often don't have the time to travel or attend appointments. To help reduce this stress we now offer a Skype service or the opportunity for our solicitors to travel to the most convenient office for our client."

The firm provides legal expertise to private and commercial clients, with offices in Parkstone, Poole, Bournemouth, Dorchester, Crewkerne, Swanage and Wareham. The firm also has consulting rooms in Wimborne, Yeovil and London.

Chinese trumpeter to play Last Post

NEW Crewkerne resident Chenguang "Samson" Wang, originally from Beijing in China, has been chosen to play the Last Post at the town's upcoming remembrance events.

Samson and his wife moved to Crewkerne in September after his wife got a job as a maths teacher in a local school.

In China, Samson played the trumpet in the Chinese military band, whose main duty was to play the national anthem during the flag raising ceremony in Tiananmen Square.

He then became a music teacher at the International School of Beijing before I move to UK. Since moving to Crewkerne he has joined the Phoenix Brass Band.

Samson said he was "so honoured" to be selected to play the Last Post at Crewkerne's remembrance events, adding: "I have done the similar events several times before. The most recently one was in a town called Bere Ferrers in UK this August."

Certificate for WI

■ **ON Saturday, October 25th six members of Misterton WI attended the Somerset Federation annual meeting at the Westlands complex in Yeovil. Betty Symes accepted a certificate from chairman Margaret to celebrate the club's 95th anniversary. The highlight of the day was an interesting and very humerous presentation by Michael Portillo, which was enjoyed by all who attended.**

Farewell to Mrs Cairns

■ **CHILDREN and staff at Ashlands Church of England First School, in Crewkerne, said a fond farewell to Mrs Cairns after nine years of service as one of the school's longest-standing midday supervisors. Gifts and cards were presented by students from the School Council at a special farewell assembly to thank Mrs Cairns and to wish her well in the future.**

If you have a story for the Weekender, contact Anders Larsson on 01297 631120 or 01297 446161 or email anders@tindlenews.co.uk

Police warning to be safe during autumn events

THE darker evenings are bringing much excitement to Somerset this autumn, with fun and festive events beginning with Halloween, bonfire night and the popular carnival season.

Somerset is famous for its carnivals and celebrations have successfully kicked off in Taunton, Ilminster and Chard. Events will continue to run through to the end of November with several widely regarded as the largest illuminated carnival processions in the world, with Bridgwater and Glastonbury attracting crowds of up to 150,000.

Police Superintendent Geoff Wessell said: "We are lucky to have these wonderful events in Somerset and we want everyone to enjoy the variety of firework displays and Halloween festivities on offer this autumn.

"I would encourage everyone to plan their journey and where they are going to park as people travelling to some of the carnivals and larger firework displays can expect some road closures and diversions.

"There will also be heavy traffic in places, so please bear this in mind - aim to arrive at least an hour before either the carnival or fireworks are due to start."

Officers from across Somerset will be out and about to ensure all residents and tourists attending the annual carnivals and other seasonal events have a happy and safe time.

Superintendent Wessell added: "Our message is simple – come and join the party, but don't risk spoiling the night for everyone else through irresponsible drinking and doing something you will no doubt regret tomorrow.

"Please be mindful of other people, particularly trick or treating at Halloween, some people can find this intimidating. We will be working with local shops and licensees, many of whom are not selling flour or eggs in the run up to October 31st (today)."

As you head out to enjoy the party, be it trick or treating, fireworks or to the carnivals police have aksed residents to remember the following:

- Always lock doors, windows and gates when you go out. Shut curtains, leave a radio or television on and put lights on timer switches.
- Allow plenty of time to get there, park in well-lit, busy areas and don't park illegally. Shut car windows and lock doors.
- Agree a plan with your children so they know what to do if you become separated. Make sure they know your name as there will be lots of "mummies" and "daddies", so it helps us narrow it down. Put your mobile number on one of our free wrist-bands.
- Not to be flash with your cash or mobile phones; don't keep wallets in your pocket and make sure handbags are zipped up.
- Not to go off on your own and make sure your friends get home OK, especially if they have been drinking.
- Not go in to strangers houses, always stay on the doorstep when you are Trick or Treating.
- Don't drink and drive
- Remember the Firework Code and never return to a lit firework. Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114 – this is the British Standard that all fireworks should meet.
- It is illegal for an under 18 to have a firework in a public place (Fireworks Act 2003) and that it is illegal to throw a firework in a public place (Explosives Act 1875).

For more crime prevention and personal safety advice, visit www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

Cash injection for early years providers

NURSERIES, childminders and other early years providers in Somerset are set to receive a £299,783 cash injection from April next year to help three and four-year-olds who come from disadvantaged backgrounds.

This money will come from the Early Years Pupil Premium, an extension of the Liberal Democrat Pupil Premium policy which gives schools money to help their poorest students achieve more.

Local Liberal Democrat MP, David Laws, Minister of State for Schools, has led the development of the Pupil Premium policy in the Education Department and he welcomed the arrival of the Early Years Pupil Premium, which will give early years providers money to help disadvantaged three and four-year-olds get a better start in life.

Nurseries, schools and childminders will be free to choose how they spend this money, which is part of a £50million government investment.

Mr Laws commented: "We know that helping children who come from disadvantaged backgrounds as early as possible in their life is the best way to ensure that they do not fall behind by the time they go to primary school.

"The great scandal in our education system is the persistence of the attainment gap between rich and poor children, a child's family background should not dictate their life chances but shamefully it still does in too many instances.

"This money from the Early Years Pupil Premium will help to tackle this attainment gap at a very early age, when any interventions are the most effective. It will provide financial support to the children in Yeovil who need it the most and it will help to make sure that every child gets the best possible start in life."

New volunteers needed for Duke of Edinburgh scheme

SOMERSET County Council is looking for volunteers to step forward who can inspire young people and help them complete their Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE).

There are lots of ways to take part in this exciting journey, and training and support is provided to everyone who signs up. All of the volunteers contribute to making a positive difference in young people's lives.

There are many ways people can get involved, from co-ordinators and leaders who set up and run DofE groups, to supervisors and assessors who help set goals and oversee progress on the programme and normally have a good knowledge of a young person's chosen activity.

The team is also looking for DofE Ambassadors to help raise awareness of the programme among young people and adults, recruit more adult volunteers, raise money and provide training.

These volunteers might have any number of varied skills and experience, including publicity and promotion, using the internet and social media, marketing and event organisation, fundraising and administration, and networking and public speaking.

To find out more about volunteering opportunities with Somerset DofE, come along to the monthly information events at Go Outdoors in Taunton between 6pm and 8pm on the first Thursday of every month.

Alternatively, phone 01823 349850, email dofe@somerset.gov.uk or visit www.somersetyouth.co.uk to find out more.

Flower arranging for Children's Hospice

THE Chard and Ilminster Friends of Children's Hospice South West are holding a Christmas flower arranging evening with the theme "All That Glitters".

Demonstrations will be led by Maria of Sue's Flowers at Horton Village Hall on Tuesday, November 25th from 7pm to 9pm. Tickets are £6 to include tea/coffee and mince pies and are available from 01460 64502. Further details are available from Sue's Flowers.

You won't get thanks, but you'll save a life

by Geoff Baker

GIVING to the Water Survival Box appeal is probably the most selfless thing that you can do and the hardest to understand.

It is the ultimate in altruism, giving money to help keep alive a family whom you will never know and who have no way of ever thanking you.

Your name will never go on a roll of honour, you won't get a Christmas card, you can't phone up to ask "how it's going?" and nobody will ever know that you donated.

And not only that, you will be giving to help people who don't actually need your help yet – because the disaster you will be helping them to survive has not even happened.

It's like blind fostering a family for the future, "giving in the dark", charity on tick.

It's a tough call to make the big ask for the Water Survival Box precisely because of that, the essentially prescient nature of its role.

When a tsunami takes out Thailand and the BBC is beaming footage of bloated bodies floating in the brown water, then giving is easy. When mothers made of rag-clad bones are shown on the news from Africa with a stick-insect child dying on the dried, shrunken breast, it's the stuff of nothing to get the cheque book out.

But when you're asking for help in advance, help for what you don't at the moment know needs helping, then it's hard.

Which is probably why most people have never heard of Water Survival Box. They're not up there with the Save The Children, Oxfam, the Red Cross or any of the UK's other massive charities whose turnover would put a major company to shame.

Water Survival Box doesn't have fab London offices, they don't have regional reps with company cars, swanky PRs on expense accounts and chief executives whose vast salaries make the likes of me cynically question the whole charity bit.

Instead, Water Survival Box works out of a nondescript garage on a business park on the back roads of a nondescript town. There is absolutely nothing flash about this lot; they are the beige lino of the charity world.

But what they do is miraculous and they make miracles with just a box.

Now even the most artful of publicists can't construct a donation-prompting sob story around a box.

There's nothing dramatic, super-sexily-alarming, "I'm Michael Buerk reporting from the sea of famine in Ethiopia" about a box.

But here's the thing about the Water Survival Box, it maintains life. Like doctors do, like hospitals do, but this is a box doing it.

When a natural disaster happens – and believe me, they are going to happen (the increase in hurricanes alone since we started messing up the planet is alarming) – what happens is that the flood, drought, tsunami or earthquake almost always first takes out the supply of clean water.

There may be millions of gallons of water flooding about disaster zones, but you can't drink it because it is contaminated with the bodies of people and animals and it will kill you.

So to survive, you need clean water. Without clean water, you'll be dead in seven days, ten max.

What the little Water Survival Box does is purify killer water. It turns water that will give you typhus and cholera and dysentery into that which gives you life. And one box will work to give clean water and life to a family for a year.

Now, if there was any collective intelligence in the world there would be Water Survival Boxes already in place all over the planet in those regions where natural disasters are most likely to occur; sub-Saharan Africa, the coasts of India and Pakistan, for instance. If we were bright, every home everywhere would have a Water Survival Box.

But we're not bright. When it comes to humanity looking after all of our selves – as opposed to looking after ourself – we are as thick as the greatest dunce that has ever been. We know there's going to be natural disasters ahead, but we like to ignore that, to put it out of our minds as unimportant compared to the greater priority of hooking up to superfast broadband in order to gorge more rapidly on some vapid new release from a Hollywood studio.

But fortunately in the town of Midsomer Norton, there's a bunch of volunteers who aren't so thick. They, the small team of Water Survival Box, worked out that when a natural disaster strikes the biggest block to saving life is time.

Work it out yourself – Typhoon Haiyan flattens the Philippines, four million people are left without water and it gets on the news the next day, that's day two of no water.

So somebody worthy launches an appeal, films and edits the appeal video, that's day three. The next day, four, if you're lucky, the appeal will get on the BBC News. The next day, five, your cheque is in the post. The day after that, six, the charity banks it.

Putting aside for one moment the wicked way in which banks still claim the four working days it takes for a cheque to clear – when we know in these days of instant money transfer that the claim is a self-funding lie – we're already on the sixth day and the charity hasn't been able to use your money for emergency rescue yet. Day six of the seven it takes to die without water.

You get the picture.

But what Water Survival Box (intelligently) does is stock up. They amass as many life-sustaining boxes as they can afford upfront of disasters that haven't happened yet, so that when it happens (and it will) they don't have to play race the clock with people's lives, they can get the boxes straight out there.

It costs £150 to fit out each box with the water purifier, cooking and eating utensils, basic means of shelter and the other essentials that you need when a natural disaster has robbed you of everything. That box will keep a family of four alive for a year – at a cost of 41p per day or 10p per person per day. Can you give 10p a day for a year to keep another human being alive, knowing that they can and will never thank you for it? Do you have that sort of heart? If you do, visit the www.worldwaterworks.org

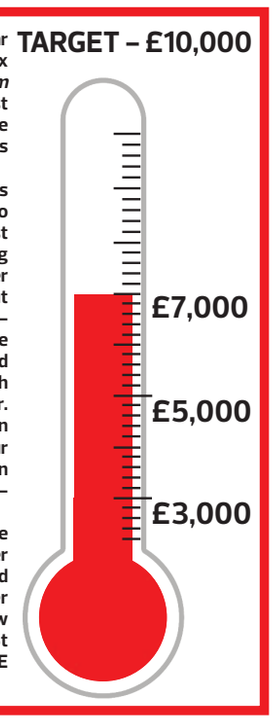
And on behalf of those who will lose everything apart from your kindness, thank you.

SINCE launching our two-year campaign for Water Survival Box in November 2013, *View From* and its sister papers in East Devon and South Somerset have already raised £7,000 towards our £10,000 target.

The Water Survival Box is crammed with all you need to stay alive after you have lost everything – cooking and eating utensils, basic means of shelter and other essential kit – but most importantly a water-purification pump that will make clean water from dirty water and provide a family of four with clean water every day for a year.

If you would like to organise an event or find out more about our campaign, call James Coles on 01297 446155 and we will promote it in our columns.

To make a donation, please make a cheque payable to 'Water Survival Box – View account' and send it to: James Coles, Water Survival Box campaign, View From Newspapers, Unit 3, St Michael's Business Centre, LYME REGIS, Dorset DT7 3DB.



County chairman rewards community stalwarts

INSPIRING people from South Somerset were among those awarded at a special ceremony for outstanding contributions to their community.

More than 40 awards were presented to inspirational individuals and community groups from across Somerset last week at the annual Chairman Awards.

These unsung heroes gathered at Taunton Rugby Club on Thursday, October 23rd to be presented with their awards from chairman of Somerset County Council, Councillor David Fothergill.

Councillor Fothergill said: "I am proud to be in the presence of these community champions who all deserve a huge thank you for what they do. The time that they give back to the people in each of their community's is worthy of recognition and I am thrilled I can celebrate their dedication with them tonight."

Winners from South Somerset included the following four champions from The Weekender area:

Jacqueline Hewitt – Earlier this year, Jackie spent three months in isolation receiving a bone marrow transplant in treatment for cancer.

Jackie chose to spend this time of enforced rest in researching the 20 soldiers from her community of Misterton who lost their lives in the First World War. The research became the core display of an event Jackie helped organise to commemorate the beginning of WW1.

The research will now be made available to Misterton First School, churches, chapels and Crewkerne Museum.

Richard Deubert – Richard is the public path liaison officer for Martock, an unpaid, voluntary role. He has walked every footpath in half the time anticipated, clearing hazards and replacing signage on a daily basis.

Richard has been instrumental in initiating the replacement of some stiles to enable all walkers to access footpaths, and over the past year he has started to map all of Martock's paths electronically and re-write all the accompanying walk pamphlets.

Richard has become a familiar figure to footpath walkers and his positive and swift response to the ever-increasing enquiries made of him, many through the web address he initiated, has reflected positively upon Martock Parish Council.

Sharon Humphreys – Sharon has worked tirelessly on the Shepton Beauchamp Events Team for the past 10 years. The team was set up out of an identified desire from the questionnaire completed by parishioners and organise annual events such as a bonfire night, Easter and Christmas markets, a 10k and fun run as well as other one-off events.

Sharon prints off numerous leaflets, flyers and tickets, decorates venues, keeps an account of monies raised and endeavours to enrich everyone's lives in the village with the help of the whole events team.

Roger Cripps – Roger Cripps is a parish councillor for Shepton Beauchamp but one that goes far and beyond that role.

In his spare time, Roger cuts the footpaths, runs the local ramblers group and looks after the village allotments. He also sits on the committee and spends many hours looking after the "Cowleaze Meadow Project", which allows all parishioners use of an open space.

■ MUSEUM RESEARCHER: Jacqueline Hewitt

■ GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND: Roger Cripps

■ SUPPORTING EVENTS: Sharon Humphreys

Songs of praise at St Bart's

A SONGS of Praise service is being organised by the Rotary Club of Crewkerne, to be held in St Bartholomew's Church on Sunday, Novmeber 2nd at 3pm. The event is being held to celebrate and continue support for the international charities that Rotary supports. In addition to the church organ, musical entertainment will include the Salvation Army Band to accompany the singing.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served and a collection will be taken during the service.

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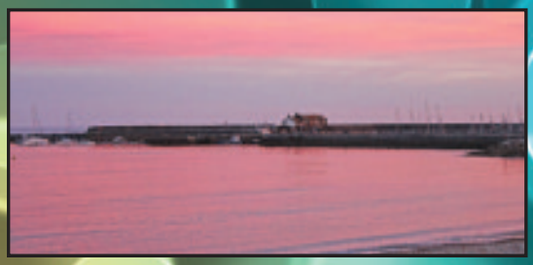

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THE Movember Foundation is the leading global organisation committed to changing the face of men's health.

The Movember community has raised £346 million to date and funded over 800 programmes in 21 countries. This work is saving and improving the lives of men affected by prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health problems.

The Movember Foundation challenges men to grow moustaches during Movember (formerly known as November), to spark conversation and raise vital funds for its men's health programs. To date, 4 million moustaches have been grown worldwide, but we won't stop growing as long as serious men's health issues exist.

HOW FUNDS ARE RAISED

FUNDS are raised through the Foundation's annual awareness campaign, Movember, which sees the sprouting of millions of moustaches around the world, during the month previously known as November.

At the start of Movember, guys take action by signing up with a clean-shaven face and for the 30 days of November commit to growing a moustache. These selfless and generous men are known as Mo Bros, and groom, trim and wax their way into the annals of fine moustachery. Mo Bros are supported by the women in their lives, affectionately known as Mo Sistas - together, our Mo Community raise money and awareness to change the face of men's health.

With the sprouting of a new moustache, Mo Bros effectively become walking, talking billboards for the month; and like a run or walk for charity, they use their hairy ribbon to spark conversations around the often ignored issue of men's health and seek funds to support the work of the Movember Foundation.

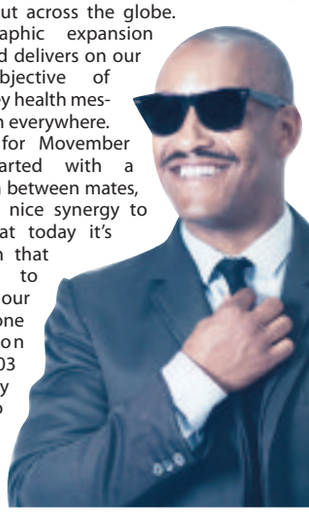
At the end of the month, the Movember community celebrates their Mo growing efforts, either by joining us at one of the official Movember Gala Partés, held around the world, or by hosting their own end of month event with colleagues, friends or community groups.

A GLOBAL MOVEMENT

SINCE relatively humble beginnings back in 2003 in Australia, the Movember movement has grown to be a truly global one; inspiring support from over 4 million Mo Bros, Mo Sistas around the world.

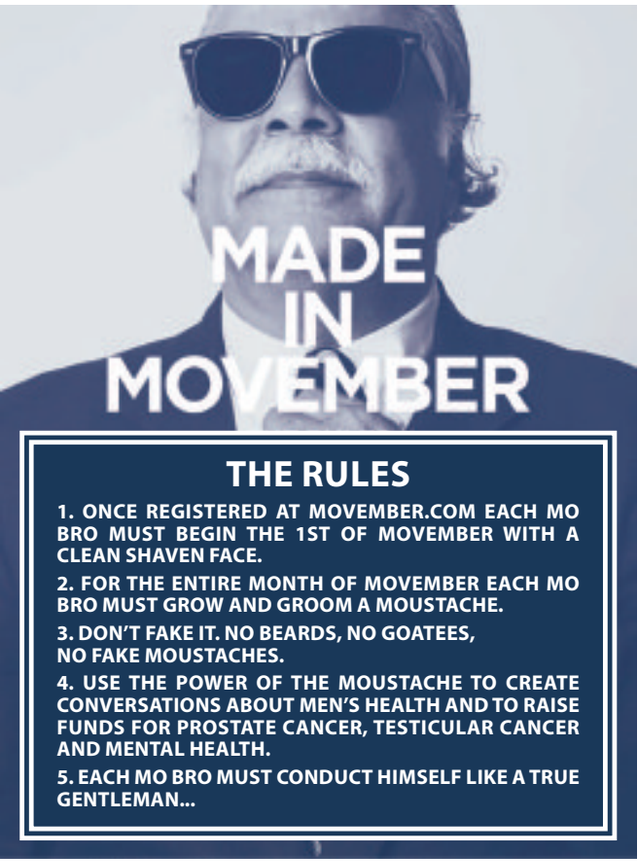
The Movember Foundation currently runs official campaigns in 21 countries, however, we're aware of pockets of support in virtually every corner of the world, from Moscow to Rio de Janeiro and everywhere in between. Movember's success can largely be attributed to the strength of the global community; regardless of the city in which they live, they feel part of something bigger, united by a commitment to help change the face of men's health. It's about global mateship.

The global expansion of the Movember campaign is not something that has been driven from within – it has been invited and encouraged. Our policy is only to enter a new market if there is an existing strong ground swell of support. Word of mouth, the movement of expats and the incredible power of the internet have all contributed to the campaign stretching out across the globe.



The geographic expansion supports and delivers on our primary objective of spreading key health messages to men everywhere.

The idea for Movember actually started with a conversation between mates, so there's a nice synergy to the fact that today it's conversation that is central to achieving our goals. That one conversation back in 2003 has today grown into billions, taking place around the world.



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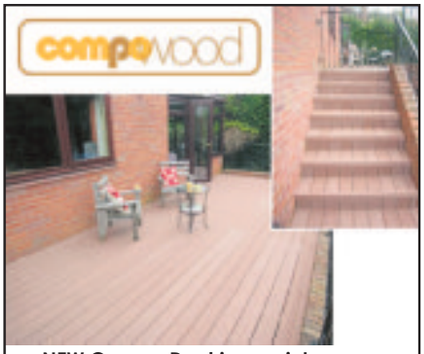

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Think WARMTH in South Somerset to save lives this winter

OLDER people, their families, friends and neighbours need to think WARMTH in South Somerset this winter to save lives, leading home care provider Bluebird Care has urged.

As the weather starts to get colder, Bluebird Care is sending out the strong message that cold weather can kill – and is urging people around the country to prepare for the winter with some simple steps to stay warm and safe.

Last winter was one of the coldest on record with 31,000 additional deaths where two thirds (25,600) were accounted for by over-75s, according to figures from the Office of National Statistics. In March this year, one of the coldest in fifty years, 1,582 people died each day because of extreme weather.

The threat of another severe winter has lead Bluebird Care to issue a reminder for people to prepare for the cold weather. Bluebird Care is urging the public to think WARMTH this winter.

WRAP UP: Indoors and outdoors. Wearing extra layers indoors can help you keep warm. If you need to go outside, sturdy shoes with good grip or attachable grips to wear over your shoes can help prevent falls, and an insulated waterproof coat will help keep you warm and dry.

ALERT: Keep an eye on the weather forecast and stock up with nutritious food and speak to your GP about medicine in advance of a cold snap. If you have vulnerable neighbours, try and check up on them during cold weather.

RISK: Minimise the risk of falls or becoming ill by taking the weather into account when you plan activity when severe weather is forecast. Plan ahead for the cold weather by talking to your GP about getting a flu jab, and talking to your neighbours about clearing snow in front of your home.

MONEY: Winter bills can be very expensive. Make sure that you're receiving all of the benefits you're eligible for. In addition to the Winter Fuel Payments (Helpline 0845 915 1515), if it gets very cold you could be entitled to additional Cold Weather Payments (Helpline 0800 731 7898). Please call 0845 601 8821 for the Helpline in Northern Ireland. www.gov.uk/browse/benefits/heating

TEMPERATURE: Keep your bedroom heated to 18°C (64°F) and your living room around 21°C (70°F). If you prefer to heat just your living room during the day, to keep you warm through the night try heating your bedroom just before you go to sleep.

HOT MEALS: One hot meal a day, and hot drinks throughout the day can help to keep you warm. Eating nutritious food regularly can help to keep up your energy levels and support your immune system in the cold weather.

Commenting, Ross Perkins Managing Director of Bluebird Care (South Somerset) said:

"WE love to talk about the weather in this country, but we are often unaware of the real threat to life that our winters can cause for older and vulnerable people.

"Our winters can be quite sudden and catch us off guard, which means people have little time to take precautions against the cold. It's important to start planning for the cold weather now by taking simple precautions like making sure you are getting any benefits you're entitled to, speaking to your neighbours about how to cope with heavy snow or ice, and talking to your GP about getting your flu jab.

"We're also urging people across the South Somerset region to make sure that they keep in regular contact with their friends and neighbours to make sure that they stay safe this winter. Simple measures like helping a neighbour stock up on food ahead of a cold snap could save them from a nasty fall if they try to venture out in bad weather.

"After our long warm summer we must not be complacent about the upcoming winter. We're urging everyone to think WARMTH this winter and to help to prevent the thousands of needless cold weather deaths each year."

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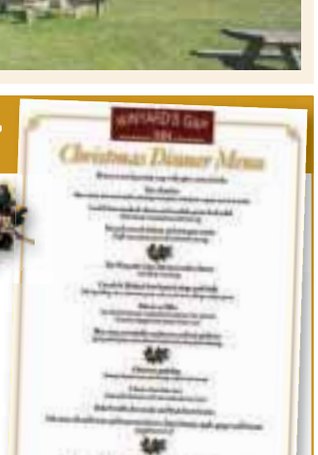

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To garnish • 1 blackberry • 1 sprig fresh mint

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Smoked mackerel on babyleaf salad with beetroot & horseradish sauce
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Traditional local roast Gold turkey and all the trimmings, with chestnut stuffing, pigs in blankets, cranberry and orange sauce with pan gravy
Devon roast sirloin of beef, medium rare, Yorkshire pudding, red wine gravy and homemade horseradish sauce
Fillet of salmon with samphire served with butter & dill cream
Oven baked large field mushrooms stuffed with brie, rocket, shallots and garlic (V)
Main course dishes are served with duck fat roasted potatoes and seasonal vegetables
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Traditional Christmas pudding with brandy sauce
Warm spiced orange cake with white chocolate sauce
Apple and cinnamon cheesecake with honeycomb ice cream
Lemon and lime tart with raspberry cream

2 Courses - £21.00 per person 3 Courses £26.00 per person

Coffee, tea and herbal infusions £2.20

www.reedsrestaurant.co.uk
Swallows Eaves Hotel, Swan Hill Road, Colyford, Devon EX24 6QJ
Telephone: 01297 553184 Email: info@swallowseaves.co.uk

Mince Pies

This crumbly, fruity mince pie recipe is a Christmas classic. Serve warm with lashings of brandy butter.

Ingredients

- 350g/12oz high quality mincemeat, preferably homemade
- 200g/7oz plain flour, sifted
- 40g/1½oz golden caster sugar
- 75g/2¾oz ground almonds
- 125g/4½oz unsalted butter, diced
- 1 large free-range egg, beaten
- milk, to glaze

Preparation method

1. Lightly butter a 12-hole pie or patty tin. Tip the mincemeat into a bowl and stir so that the liquid is evenly distributed.
2. Place the flour, sugar, almonds and butter in a food processor and process briefly until resembling breadcrumbs, then slowly add the egg through the feeder tube. (Or rub the butter into the dry ingredients by hand and stir in the egg.)
3. Bring the mixture together with your hands, wrap in clingfilm and chill for an hour or so. Thinly roll out the pastry on a floured sur face. Cut out 12 circles with a fluted pastry cutter, large enough to fill the base of the pre pared tin. Press gently into each hole, then fill with the mincemeat.
4. Cut out another 12 slightly smaller discs and use to cover the mincemeat. Press the edges together to seal. Make a small slit in the top of each, then brush lightly with milk. Chill for about 30 minutes. Meanwhile, pre heat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6.
5. Bake the pies for 20 minutes until golden brown.Remove to a wire rack and serve warm.

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By the Bay

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Choose from a delicious traditional menu and enjoy two courses for just £10.95 or three for £14.95. The menu features local produce and all your festive favourites:

For starters, there's a choice of broccoli & stilton soup, chicken and duck terrine or prawn cocktail, followed by roast turkey with all the trimmings, fillet of plaice with dauphinoise potatoes and country vegetables or a lovely mushroom, brie, hazelnut and cranberry wellington for all you veggies out there. And if you still have room for more, there's strawberry pavlova, flaming crème brulee or hot, sticky prune and Armagnac pudding for dessert.

Great food, fun atmosphere and fabulous views – at By the Bay, we've got the perfect ingredients for the best Christmas celebration ever, so bring your friends, family or work mates along for a fantastic meal they'll all love – at a price everyone can afford.

To find out more and book your table call 01297 442668.

The Old Inn, Kilmington

THE Old Inn at Kilmington is planning for a busy December this year. After gaining Gold in the prestigious Taste of The West awards, this popular local pub as been busier than ever. Always a popular destination for smaller groups, this little pub has grown over the seven years that Leigh and Duncan Colvin have been at the helm.

This year's Christmas party offer has been put together by Head Chef Nathan Givans and has some delicious dishes to tempt your taste buds. Scallops have always been a popular dish so this year they you could choose a dish of three scallops: Seared scallop wrapped in Parma ham on saffron rice, Julienne of vegetable scallop stir fry and a scallop sashimi. Main courses include a three bird roast and a salt baked sea bream as well as the traditional Christmas turkey.

Party organisers can choose to arrange for a four course meal with a delicious bucks fizz sorbet after the appetizer, or a two course main and dessert. The pub is also offering a 2 course lunch time offer and all include coffee and Leigh's fantastic mince pies.

This classic Devon country pub has it all this year, and from looking at the menu here it seems to just get better and better.

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By the Bay, Marine Parade, Lyme Regis, DT7 3JH
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The Old Inn
Kilmington
Freehouse & Restaurant

Christmas Party Menu 2014

Curried cream of cauliflower soup with warm granary bread.
Scallops three ways, seared scallop wrapped in Parma ham on saffron rice, Julienne of vegetable scallop stir fry and a scallop sashimi.
Pan fried partridge supreme, with fried quails egg port and red wine jelly, toast points.
Poached pear and apple with Devon blue cheese and walnut dressing.

Three bird roast. Turkey escallop, guinea fowl and pigeon with a pine nut stuffing and red wine infused cranberries, served with roasted root vegetables and roast potatoes, gravy.
Seared 8oz Rib eye of beef. Slow cooked in onion jus, centre cut veal marrow bone, Dauphinoise potatoes, sauté winter greens, rich Madeira jus.
Salt crusted fennel seed and lemon Gilt-head Bream with braised leeks, fish stock boulangère potatoes.
Triple cheese soufflé (stilton, brie and cheddar) with a fresh salad shirazi and Bread fingers.
Roast turkey crown with chestnut stuffing, piggys in quilts, roast potatoes, vegetables and rich gravy.

Red cherry baked Alaska
Vanilla crème Brûlée with warm winter fruit compote in a tulle basket.
Christmas pudding with brandy sauce served separately.
Cornish Yarg and Capricorn goats brie cheese and biscuits, served with grapes and our own red onion marmalade.

Filter coffee served with Chef's own mince pies

£24.50 per person (£18.50 ~ 2 course including coffee)

Tel: 01297 32096
www.oldinnkilmington.co.uk
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Christmas Snowball

1 lime, juice and zest only

3 tsp caster sugar • 1 small free-range egg

50ml Scotch whisky • ginger ale, to top up

Preparation method

Mix together the lime juice and zest and caster sugar in a small bowl. See aside for an hour before using. Technique: Zesting citrus fruit

The White Horse

RICHARD and Rebecca Robinson took over The White Horse in April 2012. Having grown up in Broadwindsor, Rebecca was keen to return to the area, while Richard was extremely easy to convince with all the fantastic local produce and the beautiful Jurassic coast on the doorstep. After many years at high end restaurants and hotels in London, Richard and Rebecca decided to use the experience they had gained to fulfil their dream of running their own pub/restaurant.

Our philosophy is simple: perfect cask conditioned ale, exciting wines, locally sourced produce and friendly attentive service. We want to create an environment where guests can sit, relax and enjoy our hospitality.

Christmas at The White Horse

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT

To start...

Field mushroom soup, crisp hens egg and Worchester sauce (v)
Salad of whipped goats cheese, beetroot, stickey walnut and poached pear (v)
Chicken and smoked ham hock terrine, quails egg, pickled walnut and parsley
Steamed Cornish mussels in a shalloy and mulled cider cream sauce

To follow...

Sri Lanken spcied lentil curry, roti, tomato, coriander and cucumber (v)
Dorset hake, parsley, potato, mussel and clam chowder
Fillet of salmon, crispy salsify, puy lentils, cider vinegar and horseradish
(the salmon is cooked pink, please let us know if you would like it cooked through)
Confit pork belly, swede and honey purée, pomme dauphine, madiera sauce
Roast crown of free range turkey with pork and sage stuffing, traditional trimmings

To finish...

Créme brulee
White Horse Christmas pudding, brandy custard
Chocolate terrine, pistachio and crème fraiche sorbet
Vanilla ice cream with a hot chocolate sauce
Cheese Plate

This menu is available for parties of six or more. A deposit of £10 per person is required to secure your booking, two weeks notice is needed for a refund. Please confirm your order at least one week prior to your reservation, including a list of what each guest has chosen. Our Christmas Party Menu is available from the 1st December until 24th December. Lunchtime Tuesday until Saturday & evenings Tuesday until Thursday, £20 per person. Friday & Saturday evenings, £25 per person.

The White Horse, North Street, Haselbury Plucknett, Somerset TA18 7RJ
Tel: 01460 78873 | Email: whitehorsehaselbury@hotmail.co.uk | Web: ww.thewhitehorsehaselbury.co.uk

The Lyme Tree

IF YOU climbed to the top of the tallest tree in Langmore Gardens you couldn't have a better view of Lyme's beach and the bay than from the rooftop restaurant at The Lyme Tree.

Now you can enjoy the magnificent coastal scenery when celebrating Christmas as well. In addition to the Christmas Fayre menu, which is highlighted below, The Lyme Tree is also doing a delicious 5 course Christmas Day Lunch. On Christmas Day diners will be treated as one of the family and have a choice of four starters, a fish course, a choice of four mains, five desserts, and all followed by coffee and a mince pie. The Christmas Day menu is just £39.95 per adult, including a glass of selected wine and a glass of sparkling wine. Children are also very welcome, with the menu at the reduced rate of £14.95 which includes a soft drink.

Take the stress away of having to prepare Christmas Dinner for the family at home, and celebrate Christmas on the sea front in Lyme Regis at The Lyme Tree.

The Lyme Tree, 29 Marine Parade, Lyme Regis, DT7 3JF. 01297 445793. www.thelymetree.co.uk

The Lyme Tree

CHRISTMAS MENU

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Christmas Fayre available from 1st to 31st December (excludes 25th)
Lunch: 2 Courses £12.95 (Child £6.50),
3 Courses £14.95 (Child £7.50)
Evening: 2 Courses £14.95 (Child £7.50),
3 Courses £16.96 (Child £8.50)
Free glass of selected red, rose or white wine with every adult meal

Starters

Brussel Sprout & Smoked Bacon Soup with Bread
Deep Fried Breaded Brie with Cranberry Sauce
Duck & Port Pate with Toast & Balsamic Plum Chutney
Crab & Salmon Filo Parcels with Lemon & Hot Mango Sauce

Mains

Roast Turkey with Trimmings
Beef Bourguignon with Rice
Salmon with Sweet Chilli Sauce
Mediterranean Vegetable Risotto

Desserts

Christmas Pudding & Brandy Sauce
Chocolate & Mascarpone Cheesecake
Lemon Meringue Roulade
Ice Cream

Coffee & Mince Pie

£10 Deposit required per person, payable with booking

t. 01297 445793 | 442699 e. mail@thelymetree.co.uk
www.thelymetree.co.uk | @the_lyme_tree
29 Marine Parade, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3JF

Symondsbury Estate

Christmas is on its way to Symondsbury!

IN EACH nook and cranny at Manor Yard in the centre of the village there seems to be a sparkle appearing here and a bit of tinsel there!

Symondsbury Kitchen has released the Christmas Menu, and bookings are now being taken for the 17th November onwards. If you fancy a fabulous location with a beautiful log burner roaring in the background for your Christmas Party this year, then you won't find a better venue. It is fully licensed for some extra Christmas cheer! Private dining is also available for further details please email: bookings@symondsburyestate.co.uk

Symondsbury Store is busy putting out the baubles this week, and there's some great gift ideas starting to trickle in through the doors! There's a fabulous range of beautifully crafted baubles, a selection of chocolate, various winter warming teas, local ciders, wines and much more! So pop along and have a look at what they have to offer.

Don't forget our annual Christmas Market will be taking place on Thursday 27th November from 2pm until 7pm – its going to be bigger and better than last year, we have some great things in store so its an event not to be missed!

We look forward to welcoming everybody to Symondsbury Estate.

Symondsbury Kitchen

CHRISTMAS MENU

2 courses for £25 or
3 courses for £30
Available from the 17th November.
Large groups welcome.
Fully licensed.
Bookings only.

email: bookings@symondsburyestate.co.uk

Phone: 01308 538309

www.symondsburykitchen.com

Symondsbury Estate

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Manor Yard, Symondsbury

Thursday 27th November

2pm - 7pm

A stunning venue, Santa's grotto, Café, Farm Shop, Carol Singers, Mulled Wine and over 100 stalls selling a fabulous array of Christmas gifts

Email: juliab@symondsburyestate.co.uk

Website: www.symondsburyestate.co.uk

Italia

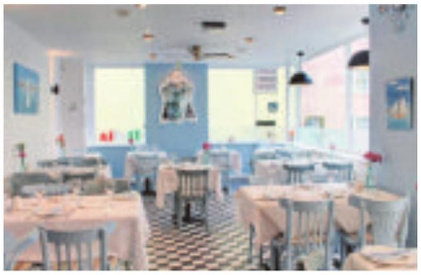
ITALIA restaurant is proving a favourite with both locals and visitors to the area. Making fresh food to order using the finest Italian ingredients, there is something for everyone at this popular restaurant. Honest, authentic home cooking in a wonderful atmosphere and environment add to the dining experience.

Christmas at Italia will be one to remember-speciality dishes made by Franco who has been a chef for over 12 years both in Italy and in England. With a Festive Menu available from 3rd December until 11th January as well as Daily Specials and Pizzas, both adults and children will enjoy their time in this family friendly restaurant.

Fabulous reviews are making Italia extremely popular on review sites with comments such as "I have eaten all over the world, and I am a dedicated home chef, and my partner and I rarely eat out,

BUT, next time we go to Lyme the first place we will go is this restaurant, not only was the food and service first class, the attention to detail was excellent."

As always with Italia it is best to book ahead as they get extremely busy and a new website is now online for information and contact details. Go online now at www.italialymeregis.co.uk or call 01297 442123.



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Book now for Christmas at your local authentic Italian restaurant

14-15 Monmouth Street, Lyme Regis, DT7 3PX
01297 442123

2 courses £21.95 including coffee 3 courses £25.95 including coffee
Served from 3rd December – 11th January
Some of our Festive Menu below, many more dishes available as well as pizzas – call in for a full menu or see online at www.italialymeregis.co.uk
Children's menu also available

STARTERS

Zuppa Invernale del Giorno - Winter Soup of the Day (V)
Cozze con fagioli – Mussels with Borlotti beans, white wine and garlic sauce
Bresaola della Valtellina – Salted 3 month aged beef with rocket and parmesan shavings
Caponata di Verdure – Traditional Sicilian mixed vegetable stew (V)

MAINS

Ravioli della casa – Ravioli of the day served in a butter and sage sauce (V)
Melanzane alla parmigiana – Aubergine, tomato sauce, mozzarella and basil served with focaccia (V)
Anatra all'Arancia – Slow roasted orange duck served with carrots, potatoes, red cabbage and pak choi
Pollo Ripieno – Stuffed chicken breast served with mashed potato, fine beans wrapped in bacon and roast parsnips
Branzino "a modo mio"– Fillet of Seabass with new potatoes, broccoli and a salsa of olives, capers and tomato

DESSERTS

Formaggi misti – Selection of cheese and biscuits (£3.95 supplement)
Tiramisu' – Homemade traditional coffee flavoured dessert
Pere al vino rosso - Poached pears in mulled wine (V)
Panforte di Siena – Traditional Italian cake containing fruits and nuts (V)

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The Tuckers Arms

Festive Menu

Spiced Apple and Squash Soup (V)
A Seasonal Hearty Soup, Served with Hot Crusty Bread and Butter

Individual Pork and Sticky Pear Pie
Served Warm, with a Cider and Sage Gravy. As always at the Tuckers Arms the pork in this pie has been sourced from 'Woodland View Pork' just a stones throw away in Shute

Beetroot and Goats Cheese Gnocchi (V)
Roasted Chunks of Beetroot, Torn Spinach Leaves and Crumbled Goats Cheese, Strewn Through Morsels of Creamed Gnocchi Pasta, Served with Garlic Bread

Smoked 'Kipper' Pate
Topped with Black Pepper and Nutmeg Butter,
Served with Mixed Leaves Tossed in a Honey Dressing and Warm Buttered Toast

Your Choice of Main Course

Roast Turkey... as it should be...
Slow Oven Baked West Country Farm Assured Turkey, Served with Crispy Goose Fat Roast Potatoes, Creamy Buttered Mashed Potatoes, Pigs in Blankets and Cranberry Stuffing.
Not to Forget The All Important Brussels Sprouts, Oven Browned Parsnips and Carrots in Honey and Cinnamon

Topped with Your choice of:

Homemade Yorkshire Pudding or a Slice of 'Woodland View Farm' Ham
The West Country produces without doubt Some of the best poultry in Britain, During the December months we ensure all the Turkeys we use have been reared in Devon, from field to fork we always like to give our customers the chance to sample some of Devon's finest produce. That's why we at the Tuckers Arms believe in Devonshire Farms for Devonshire Food.

Venison Steak
Prime Steak, Cut from the Haunch, Pan Seared to Pink Perfection, Drizzled with a Creamy Garlic and Fennel Sauce Served with a Buttered Rosemary Fondant Potato and a Warm Winter Kale and Cashew Nut Salad

Squash, Parsnip & Truffle Risotto (V)
Creamy Butternut Squash and Parsnip Risotto Infused with Truffle Oil,
Finished with Tendril Pea Shoots and Parmesan, Served with a Chunk of Crusty Bread

Mulled Lamb Rump
Pink and Tender Cut of West Country Lamb Rump, Oozing in a Gravy of the Meats Own Juices, Scented Plums, Red Wine and Rosemary. Served on Bubble and Squeak

Cod Loin with Crab
Lightly Grilled and Served with Buttered New Potatoes, with Crabmeat, Caper Berry and White Wine sauce. Accompanied by Buttered Fine Beans

Main Courses are all Served with Chefs Vegetables Unless Stated Otherwise

Selection of Desserts

Dark Chocolate Mousse with Foaming Orange Sorbet
Eggnog Crème Brulee with Handmade Cinnamon Shortbread
Taste of the West Country Cheese and Biscuits with 'December' Chutney
(Godminster Cheddar, Somerset Brie and Exmoor Blue)
Traditional Christmas Pudding with Brandy Sauce

To Finish

Coffee and Warm Mince Pies

Four Courses **£27.50** per person

Festive Evening Menu will be Available 6pm – 8:30pm From the First of December until the 30th December excluding Christmas Day.
To book please telephone 01404 881342

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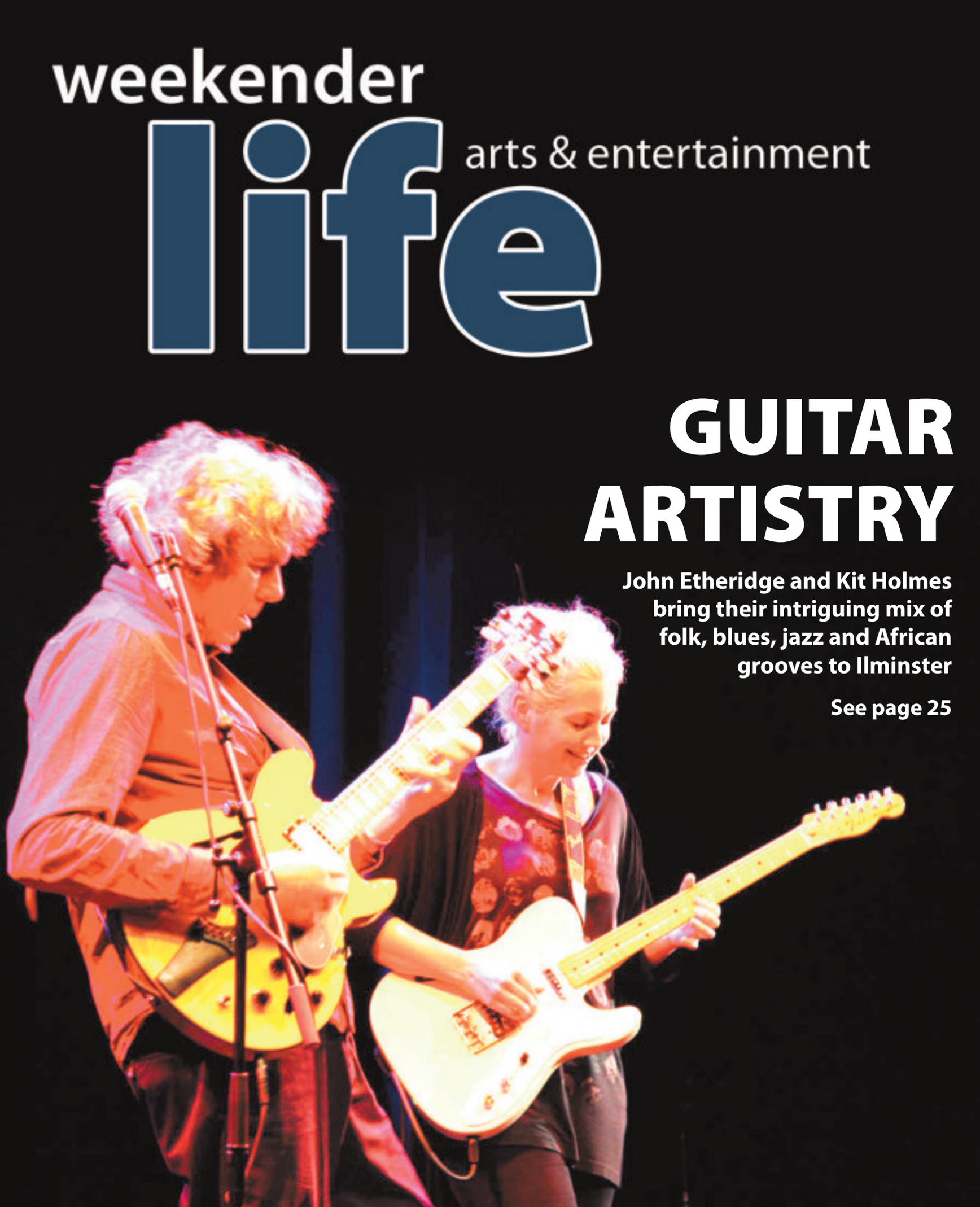

GUITAR ARTISTRY

John Etheridge and Kit Holmes bring their intriguing mix of folk, blues, jazz and African grooves to Ilminster

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What's Happening at Ilminster Arts Centre

NOVEMBER at Ilminster Arts Centre begins with our **Local Craft and Produce Market** on 1st - a chance to browse and buy quality local goods produced in and around Somerset.

We welcome **John Etheridge and Kit Holmes** on 7th - two outstanding guitarists playing an uplifting mix of folk, blues, jazz, African grooves and more. **Mike Denham** returns appropriately for his 14th **SpeakEasy** on 14th with Humphrey Lyttelton's favourite vocalist **Louise Parker**, while **The Alan Barnes Quintet**, featuring multi-award winning saxophonist **Alan Barnes** will return on 28th for an evening of top-class mainstream jazz. The next **Jazz Jam Session** takes place on 17th and is for those who play an instrument and are interested in joining an informal group of jazz musicians.

Try something new this month at one of our many workshops. These include **Clay** (Mondays), **Watercolour** on 7th, a **Guitar Workshop** on 8th and Rag Rugs and **Readers' Group** on 14th. There's a **Knit Tog**, **Crochet Too** session on 20th, followed by **Felt Making** on 21st and a chance to build your confidence in using and combining colours at the **Stitch a Rainbow Quilting Workshop** on 28th. **Oil Painting For All** has now sold out and there are just a couple of places left on **Drawing for All**, both of which start on 5th. Crteate eye-catching displays with Angie Blackwell of Cottage Flowers at the **Festive Fun with Floral Designs Workshops** on the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Some workshops will have a materials list, available when booking.

Don't miss the opportunity to see the collectables and curiosities of the **Antiques and Vintage Collectables Fair** on 29th. New stallholders are always welcome but should contact the Arts Centre in advance to book a stall.

One of the most exciting events of November is of course **Victorian Evening** on 21st, so remember to come over for mince pies and mulled wine after the Ilminster Christmas lights switch on.

with Finn Burton

It's your last chance to see the **Made in Glastonbury** exhibition on 22nd before **Christmas Magic** takes its place on 24th. Featuring an enticing selection of contemporary crafts it is the ideal place to find that special Christmas gift.

Booking details:
01460 54973
www.themeetinghouse.org.uk
info@themeetinghouse.org.uk
East Street, Ilminster,
Somerset. TA19 0AN.

Frightening fun at Halloween Spectacular!

NOW in its fourth year, The Chard Halloween Spectacular party for primary school aged children and their siblings is to take place at the Guildhall in Chard on TONIGHT (Friday, October 31st) starting at 6pm and finishing at 8pm

The evening will begin with scary hairstyles created by some of Chard's favorite hairdressers and creepy Make-up by local Make-up artists! We also have a local photographer ready snap away at the final ghostly and goulish outfits!!

The Kelly Leigh Dancers will also be casting their magic performances in the Guildhall.

The attend the event you will have to pay £1 each at the Guildhall and collect your Halloween Trail Map to visit the shops open on the evening.

Traditional Apple Bobbing and displays will be around the Town Centre with many of the local businesses in Chard staying open for the children to visit on the Halloween trail.

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AT THE MEETING HOUSE

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Dates for your diary
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Please contact the Centre for further details
Saturday 15th November
TABLE TOP SALE
9am to 12noon. Tables £5.
Please contact the Centre to hire a table

The Henhayes Centre,
South Street Car Park, Crewkerne
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The small hall with the BIG reputation David Hall

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OCTOBER was an extremely busy month for music at The David Hall.

On Thursday 2nd a packed house enjoyed a truly memorable performance by Northumbrian pipe and fiddle player, Kathryn Tickell, playing with the trio, The Side, who are all classically-trained musicians and showed amazing talents. Everyone was totally charmed by the eclectic mix of Ballads, slow Airs, Jigs and Reels. I would love to get a return visit for this exceptional quartet!

Two days later the music changed with a visit from one of the UK's best Blues bands, The Producers. Another night of quality music was enjoyed by a large audience. Harry Skinner, Dave Saunders and their band gave a performance which illustrated how popular Blues music still is. A terrific evening!

Sunday 12th saw a return visit by the multi-award-winning duo, Chris While and Julie Matthews. This tour was to celebrate their 20th Anniversary in partnership. Without doubt, Chris and Julie are two of the best songwriters and performers touring today. They will be back!

On Wednesday 15th The David Hall welcomed back - after a gap of eight years - of one of Folk music's finest singer/songwriters: Karine Polwart. Again, a full house enjoyed Karine's performance which was part of a tour in which she played solo for the first time. This enabled Karine to fully demonstrate not only her fantastic voice but also her guitar skills, which portrayed the outstanding quality of Karine's song-writing abilities. A night thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Music for October came to as fantastic end on the weekend of Friday 24th and Saturday 25th.

It started with Birmingham's multi-talented eight piece band, The Old Dance School. A totally unique septet whose music is difficult to describe - a combination of guitar, fiddles, base, drums and trumpet ensured this was a night of not only quality, but also varied, music.

The weekend concluded with another band on a return visit. This time we welcomed back the five piece band, Elbow Jane, all the way from The Wirral. A mixture of self-penned songs and covers were played in their own style with the emphasis on great harmonies and quality musicianship which was enjoyed by everyone. Elbow Jane are not regular performers in the south of the UK, which made this a really special gig. This band will gain fans wherever they perform!

Music in November starts on Saturday 1st with a first visit from two of Canada's finest singer/songwriters, James Keelaghan and Hugh McMillan. To get either of these renowned artistes to our "space" would have been great but to get them both is really special! James's songs have been performed by many renowned artists and a special feature of this gig will be Hugh's multi-instrumental skills. This will be a long remembered gig.

Saturday 8th we will have the first visit by another duo: The Hut People. Accordionist Sam Pirt, and percussionist Gary Hammond, are quickly becoming the hottest and most entertaining Folk/World act on the UK Roots circuit. They are unique and hugely entertaining - you will not be disappointed!

Our November music programme ends on Saturday 15th when another duo, O'Hooley and Tidow, return after their support in Petherton to Chumbawumba, in 2010. Belinda and Heidi have built up a large fan base which proves them to be without doubt one of the most exciting acts on the contemporary Folk scene. Their new album, The Hum, has received high praise and is, in my opinion, brilliant. Expect the unexpected!

All the best, and hoping to see you soon at The David Hall!

Pete Wheeler,
Petherton Arts Trust

■ **November at The David Hall also includes a Craft Fair on Saturday 8th – a chance to find some special Christmas gifts, perhaps? - and Quiz Night on Friday 21st , offering an evening of fun and facts with a ploughman's supper and the chance to raise money for The David Hall. Pre-booking only please by Wednesday 19th.**

Petherton Picture Show has two great films coming up – The Grand Budapest Hotel, with Ralph Fiennes, on Friday 14th and The Monuments Men, starring George Clooney, Matt Damon and Bill Murray, on Friday 28th November.

Performance Night is on Saturday 22nd November and The David Hall's popular monthly Coffee Morning is scheduled for Wednesday 26th.

For further details about any of the above please check the website, www.thedavidhall.org.uk, or call 01460 240 340.

Guitar Artistry with John Etheridge and Kit Holmes

ENJOY an uplifting evening of folk, blues, jazz, African grooves and more from two outstanding guitarists - John Etheridge and Kit Holmes.

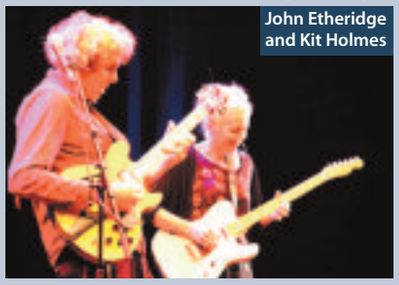
Together they make an intriguing mix - one of the world's most respected guitarists, John Etheridge (ex-Soft Machine and Stephan Grappelli Quartet), paired with relative newcomer, rootsy-blues stylist, Kit Holmes.

John and Kit have been playing together now for several years and have developed a close rapport. Both have their individual tricks of the trade, and they play and sing a wide variety of music and styles, combining to create an evening covering just about all applications of guitar skills.

John Etheridge recently performed with John Williams in London and with Nigel Kennedy at the Scarborough Festival, while Kit Holmes has been wowing audiences across the UK, with The Guardian describing her as 'Impressive...all the makings of a new British guitar heroine'. So expect an evening of top quality music when they pay a visit to Ilminster Arts Centre.

John Etheridge and Kit Holmes play at Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House on Friday, November 7th at 8pm. Tickets are £14 and a pre-show supper is available from 7pm for £11 (must be pre-booked).

For more details and to book call 01460 55783/ 01460 54973, or visit www.themeetinghouse.org.uk



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Diary Dates

FRIDAY OCTOBER 31ST

CREWKERNE: Sequence dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45pm to 4pm. £2 per person. Raffle, tea and biscuits. Information on 01308 862866, 01935 415520.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1ST

CREWKERNE: Coffee Morning & Christmas Sale at Crewkerne Methodist Church, South Street, 10am-12noon. In aid of "Operation Christmas Child", which sends 'shoe boxes' filled with Christmas 'goodies' to children living in third world countries.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 3RD

MISTERTON: Christmas Bingo for Misterton based organisations at the Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Great prizes, raffle, tombola.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4TH

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group £1 per session. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

CREWKERNE: Unfortunately the computer group will not meet. Reconvenes on the 11th November.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 5TH

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - sew, knit & natter, 10.30am, all welcome; details from 01460 72837.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre – Cash prizes – "eyes down" at 2.30pm.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6TH

CHARD: The club will be meeting at the Baptist Church hall at 7.30pm for their meeting to receive the results to their in house competitions covering their Roving and Walking subjects. Anyone wishing to attend would be made most welcome and can attend two meetings before they are invited to join the club as full members. Details covering all aspects of the club can be found on the website chardcameraclub.org.uk or by contacting the club members secretary Peter Partridge 01460 66885.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and costs £2.50 for members and £3.50 for non-members.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7TH

CHARD: FREE Cooking and Eating when pregnant classes with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) on at The Children's Centre, Clare House, Milfield from 9:30 to 11:00. A course of 3 practical sessions for Mums to be, including tasty recipes, nutrition for you and your unborn child, breast feeding, weaning and more! To guarantee a place contact laura@halff.org.uk or call HALFF on 01297 631782 for more information.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

HINTON ST GEORGE: Hinton St. George 'Flix in the Sticks' presents 'Mr Morgan's last love' (12A), in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or, £5.50p on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact 01460 72906.

CHISELBOROUGH: Autumn Market at Chiselborough Village Hall. 11am-2.30pm. Start your Christmas shopping early. Lots of stalls, raffle. Lunches served from 12noon.

SOUTH PERROTT: Church Bazaar, 2.30pm. Gifts, toys, bric-a-brac etc. For more details call 01935 891234.

MISTERTON: Jumble Sale at WI Hall, 2-4pm. Variety of goods all at reasonable prices; also good as new stall. Light refreshments. Enq. 01460 74808.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9TH

CHARD: Quiz at Lordleaze Hotel, 7.30pm. Teams of up to 4 invited to take part in this regular quiz, all proceeds to Chard History Group. Raffle and prizes for the winners. Entry fee £6 per team.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 10TH

CREWKERNE: A Bridge Club is beginning at The Henhayes Community Centre from 2pm to 3pm on Monday 10th November. Please contact 01460 74340 if you are interested in joining.

MISTERTON: Christmas Bingo for Misterton based organisations at the Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Great prizes, raffle, tombola.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11TH

CHARD: Chard WI Meeting at 7.30pm at the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street. Visitors and new members welcome. 2nd Tuesday of every month (Excluding August).

ILMINSTER: The Ile Valley Flower Club welcomes visitors to the open night at the Warehouse Theatre Ilminster. The national demonstrater Bob Harris will entertain with a title " What Christmas Does To Me" 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £10 either from Lanes Garden Shop Ilminster or by contacting 01460 75025/77233

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £1 per session. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

CREWKERNE: Computer group at Henhayes Centre - if you need some help to get started or a question answered please pop down to the Centre between 10am and 12noon.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12TH

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre – Cash prizes – "eyes down" at 2.30pm.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13TH

CHARD: Chard RNA will be holding their monthly meeting at the Chard Conservative Club at 7.30pm. The meeting will be an open meeting whereby anyone interested in maybe joining the association can attend and make the necessary enquiries they may have. Any enquiries will welcome and whether information about the Association can be made via the official website royal-naval-association.co.uk or by ringing Paula Moon (chairman) 01460 929041

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and costs £2.50 for members and £3.50 for non-members.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14TH

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - lunch club, mid-day for 12.30pm start. All welcome, but please book in advance by phoning 01460 77057.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall – Take Art event: the very popular Buffalo Gals 'Old-Time Country String Band' make a welcome return at 7.30pm. There will be a raffle and Licensed Bar. To avoid disappointment, tickets - £12 including a hot supper – must be booked in advance please on 01460 74849 or 01460 72769

CHARD: FREE Cooking and Eating when pregnant classes with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) at The Children's Centre, Clare House, Milfield from 9:30 to 11:00. A course of 3 practical sessions for Mums to be, including tasty recipes, nutrition for you and your unborn child, breast feeding, weaning and more! To guarantee a place contact laura@halff.org.uk or call HALFF on 01297 631782 for more information.

CHARD: 'From Plainsong to Pilton Pop Festival' by Jane de Gruchy. A fascination account of the Musical history of Somerset condensed into a single evening. Jane promises us singing, recordings and a vast range of content for all ears. At Manor Court Primary School, opposite Sainsburys. Refreshments available. New members and guest welcome. Free schoolyard parking.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15TH

CREWKERNE: Live music from The Emperials at George Reynolds Centre, 9pm start.

CREWKERNE: Table Top Sale at The Henhayes Community Centre - 9am to 12noon

MONDAY NOVEMBER 17TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Awareness November Meeting. Guest Speaker: Terrie Birch Topic: Understanding Astrology Charts. At Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel. Time: 7pm-9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (Includes Light Refreshments). Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 01460 351019.

MISTERTON: Christmas Bingo for Misterton based organisations at the Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Great prizes, raffle, tombola.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19TH

TATWORTH: Free Tea & Talk "A Life in the Theatre". At Brewer Room, Tatworth Memorial Hall, 2pm. Organised by Tatworth & Forton Active Living. For more details call 01460 220198

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21ST

CHARD: FREE Cooking and Eating when pregnant classes with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) at The Children's Centre, Clare House, Milfield from 9:30 to 11:00. A course of 3 practical sessions for Mums to be, including tasty recipes, nutrition for you and your unborn child, breast feeding, weaning and more! To guarantee a place contact laura@halff.org.uk or call HALFF on 01297 631782 for more information.

THORNCOMBE: Thorncombe Sports and Social Club Christmas Shopping Evening. With artists such as Zee Jones, beautiful silver jewellery from reeves & Reeves, handmade textile goods from Ameliarosepetals, Fancy That Cakes with cupcakes and fantastic celebration cakes, Usborne Books, Phoenix Cards, and even sock monkeys, there is something to suit every taste and budget. There will even be a man-creche, as the bar will be open too! All proceeds go to Thorncombe St Mary's Primary School, so you can shop in a good cause.

ILMINSTER: Christmas Lights Switch On, 7pm. Competition to win the chance to switch the lights on - tickets available at £1 per entry, available from Bonners, Ilminster Hardware, Harrimans and Cottage Flowers. Winner to be notified by November 17th

Two nights of top music at Square & Compass

THE Barn at Square & Compass will play host to two top nights of live music next Thursday and Friday (November 6th and 7th), when Luka Bloom and The Dave Kelly All Star Band play the venue.

The summer of love in 1969 was the first time Luka Bloom (known then by his birth name Barry Moore) set to the stage to support his older brother and renowned Irish singer Christy Moore, and since then he has been bringing his unique, passionate sound to indigenous and international audiences on stages from the United States to Australia, and through every venue imaginable in his native Ireland (in turf bogs, record stores, up on a bike and on protest sites) Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and Holland playing atop mountains, cycling onto stage and even supporting His Holiness The Dalai Lama in 2011 in Australia, brought about by sharing a stage in his native Kildare with the Dalai Lama during his visit to Ireland.

Luka moved from Ireland, first to Holland and then to Washington DC and New York City, USA and his song changed somewhat to a new sound for the Irish Emigrant as the sense of displacement in his lyrics mingled with a positive delight to be exploring the world outside the boundaries of Ireland.

Luka Bloom is regarded as one of Ireland's best-respected contemporary folk artists, having produced 20 albums since the 1970s, Bloom continues to push the boundaries of what his music can do, and the present 'Heartman Tour' proves he is still making provocative, poetic music that delves deep into the intricacies of the human soul and pulls out the nuggets and puts them in a song.

Luka Bloom plays at the Square & Compass on Thursday, November 6th from 9pm (doors 8pm). Tickets are £15 in advance (from the venue, by calling 01823 480467, from Black Cat Records, Taunton, or from www.mojopromo.co.uk) or £18 on the door.

THE following night, The Dave Kelly All Star Band will take to the stage at the Square & Compass.

Featuring Dave's youngest son and Christine Collister bassist Homer Kelly-Tarrant; former McGuiness Flint keyboard player Lou Stonebridge, eldest son, drummer Sam Kelly; Pete Emery on guitar and of course one of Britains's very best slide guitarist Dave Kelly (The Blues Band / John Dummer / DKB / John Lee Hooker etc etc), DKB ofer the very best in blues.

If there is such a thing as a British 'blues pedigree', then Dave Kelly's sets the standard. Kelly is a blues craftsman - a journeyman who has served his time with the best. In New York he jammed with Muddy Waters. He became a friend to Howlin' Wolf and John Lee Hooker, who both felt the benefit of Dave's playing in their touring bands. It was Dave's big sister, the late Jo-Ann Kelly, who first opened his ears to the blues, although his passion for rock and roll - and especially the work of Buddy Holly - remains intact. In 1967 he joined The John Dummer Blues Band. After three albums and a solo project he continued to polish his style and technique throughout an adventurous career with some of Britain's finest players. When The Blues Band was formed in 1979, the post of slide guitarist and joint vocalist was a foregone conclusion - and bringing his friend, bassist Gary Fletcher, along to that first rehearsal, was a bonus. Dave Kelly's guitar and vocals form the very backbone of The Blues Band's distinctive sound.

The Dave Kelly Band play at the Square, Windmill Hill, near Ilminster on Friday, November 7th from 9pm (doors 8pm). Tickets are £12.50 in advance (from the venue, by calling 01823 480467, from Black Cat Records, Taunton, or from www.mojopromo.co.uk) or £15 on the door.

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Friday, Oct 31st - Thursday, Nov 6th

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Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 12A
Fri, Sun: 11.20, 12.30, 13.45, 15.00, 16.10, 17.30, 18.40, 20.00
Sat: 11.20, 12.30, 13.45, 15.00, 17.30, 18.00, 20.00
Mon-Thu: 12.30, 13.45, 15.00, 16.10, 17.30, 18.40, 20.00

The Maze Runner 12A
Fri, Mon-Wed: 12.50, 18.00, Sat: 12.50
Sun: 13.20, 18.30, Thu: 15.10

Horns 15
Daily: 15.10, 18.10, 21.00
plus Mon-Thu: 12.30

The Badabook 15
Fri, Sat, Mon-Thu: 20.50, Sun: 21.10

Earth To Echo PG Fri-Sun: 10.30am

How To Train Your Dragon 2 PG
Fri, Sat: 10.00, 10.10, Sun: 10.10am

The Nut Job U
Fri, Sat: 10.20am, Sun: 10.00am

Love, Rosie 15
Sat: 21.10, Sun: 18.30, 21.10
Mon, Wed: 19.45

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day PG
Fri-Sun: 11.30, 13.40
Mon-Thu: 13.40

Annabelle 15
Daily: 21.10, plus Fri: 18.30

The Boxtrolls PG Fri-Sun: 12.40

Dolphin Tale 2 U Fri-Sun: 10.50am

Oujia 15
Fri: 15.40, 19.30, 21.40
Sat: 15.40, 18.40, 21.00
Sun: 16.10, 18.40, 21.00
Mon-Wed: 13.40, 15.40, 18.40, 21.00
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Fri: 18.00, 20.30,
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Fri-Mon: 11.10am

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Love, Rosie 15
Daily: 15.45

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Daily: 15.30, 18.15, 21.00

Ouija 15 Daily: 19.10, 21.30

Planes 2: Fire & Rescue U
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Fri-Sun: 10.45, 13.15, Mon-Thu: 13.15

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 2D 12A
Fri-Mon: 12.30, 15.00, 17.30, 20.00,
Tue-Thu: 15.00, 17.30, 20.00

The Book Of Life 3D U
Fri-Mon: 12.00

The Book Of Life 2D U
Fri, Sat: 10.30, 13.20, 15.40
Sat: 10.30, 12.50, 15.15
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Mon, Wed, Thu: 13.20, 15.40, 18.00

The Boxtrolls 2D PG
Fri-Sun: 10.40, 13.00, Mon-Thu: 13.00

The Maze Runner 12A
Daily: 12.50, 15.30, 18.10, 20.50

The Unbeatables U
Sat & Sun: 11.00am

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Fri, Sat, Mon-Wed: 14.00

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Ford Delivers Most Powerful Diesel Kuga

THE Ford Kuga is now available with a significant range of upgrades that include the smart utility vehicle's most powerful diesel powertrain to date.

Improvements to the Kuga's diesel and petrol engine range also deliver lower CO2 emissions. Kuga is offered with more advanced technologies as standard that help reduce fuel consumption and lower emissions, including Auto-Start-Stop and Active Grille Shutter.

"Ford has updated the Kuga range with models that deliver more power and lower emissions. Tiger Eye metallic is a bold new colour not previously seen on any Ford vehicle, and SYNC with AppLink will help ensure drivers can be more connected on the move while keeping their eyes on the road and their hands on the wheel," said Roelant de Waard, vice president, Marketing, Sales and Service, Ford of Europe.

Ford's 2.0-litre TDCi diesel powered 95 per cent of the Kugas sold in the UK during the first nine months of 2014. Ford has now increased peak power of the engine by 17PS to 180PS and peak torque to 400Nm, up from 340Nm. This engine choice will deliver the most pulling power ever for Kuga, particularly when combined with Ford's Intelligent All-Wheel Drive system that is chosen by most customers.

Ford is introducing its new 1.5-litre EcoBoost petrol engine to Kuga, reducing CO2 emissions to 143g/km from 154g/km – an improvement of more than seven per cent over the outgoing 1.6-litre EcoBoost engine*. Ford will also offer a 150PS 2.0-litre TDCi option that delivers 122g/km CO2* – an improvement of 12 per cent.

Smart utility vehicle

Ford SYNC with AppLink will now enable drivers to voice-activate apps, while keeping their eyes on the road and their hands on the wheel. These already include leading music-streaming service Spotify, Audioteka, Glympse and Radioplayer.

Ford's latest sales data revealed a high take-rate for Kuga's advanced driver assistance technologies: around a third of vehicles were sold with Rear View Camera and more than half featured Active Park Assist technology that helps drivers to parallel park.

On top of the Cruise Control with Adjustable Speed Limiter, that is offered as standard on the Titanium series and above, Kuga is also available with Adaptive Cruise Control including Forward Alert, which warns drivers if they are travelling too close to the vehicle in front. Another standard technology is the Tyre Pressure Monitoring System, which warns if any of the tyres lose significant pressure during a journey. Further available technologies include Hands-Free Tailgate,Blind Spot Information System,Active City Stop,Lane Keeping Aid, Lane Keeping Alert, Auto High Beam,Driver Alert, and Traffic Sign Recognition.

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New Ford Focus ST Petrol And Diesel Range Priced From £22,195

THE new Focus ST 12-model range has gone on sale priced from £22,195 ahead of first deliveries from February 2015.

Showcasing a new sports exterior design and enhanced and improved interior for Ford's latest global performance car, two engines, three series and two bodystyles make up the hot new Focus ST range in the UK.

Both the 250PS EcoBoost petrol and 185PS TDCi diesel 2.0-litre engines are offered in the ST-1, ST-2 and ST-3 series. The latest Ford Focus ST line-up continues the acclaimed estate bodystyle for both roomy load-space and sporty handling, alongside the five-door hatch alternative.

The Ford Focus ST's powerful new 2.0-litre diesel develops 185PS/400Nm and emits only 110g CO2/km. The CO2 output of the 2.0-litre 250PS petrol engine is reduced by 10g to 159g.

In addition to the full ST body styling kit, sport tuned suspension and 18-inch unique ST alloy wheel standard features on the new Ford Focus ST-1, ST-2 has LED day-time running lights as standard and the top ST-3 series is enhanced by a series of upgrades, including 'Rock Metallic' alloys with red brake callipers, illuminated scuff plates, privacy glass, SYNC 2 with 8-inch touch-screen and cruise control with speed limiter.

Both petrol and diesel models offer Auto-Start-Stop for the first time, improving the EcoBoost engine version's fuel efficiency by six per cent and making it the most fuel-efficient petrol Focus ST ever.

"The new Focus ST delivers an even more sophisticated balance of performance, driving dynamics, refinement and style – the core of Ford's Sports Technologies DNA," said Joe Bakaj, vice president, Product Development, Ford of Europe. "Even more enjoyable and rewarding to drive and with the choice of diesel power for the first time, the new Focus ST is in a class of its own."

The Focus ST also will benefit from technology and craftsmanship revealed this year for the new Ford Focus – the world's best-selling global nameplate.** The sporty and aggressive new five-door and wagon models will offer class-leading driver assistance technologies and connectivity features including the SYNC 2 in-car connectivity system.

Ford has sold more than 140,000 Focus ST models in 40 countries worldwide since the car was first launched in 2002 – 43,600 of those in Britain.

Enhanced driving dynamics

Ford Team RS, the award-winning European arm of Ford's Global Performance Vehicle group, made improving the entire driving experience the number one objective for the new Focus ST.

The sports suspension features all-new front springs and sportier new shock absorber tuning front and rear. In combination with the model-specific anti-roll bars and rear springs from the previous generation ST, these enhancements deliver an even sharper dynamic performance.

The calibration of the Electronic Power Assisted Steering and electronic vehicle control systems also has been revised to meet the specific sporting requirements of the new Focus ST.

Power delivery refinement under hard acceleration – particularly front wheel traction and gear shift quality – is also assisted by engine mounts engineered specifically to accommodate the performance of the new Focus ST. Additionally,Ford worked with Michelin to develop a new 19-inch tyre that complements the driving dynamics, especially maximising lateral grip.

"Ford has long enjoyed a reputation for producing performance hatchbacks with superb driving dynamics and the new Focus ST more than lives up to that pedigree," Bakaj added. "The engineering enhancements to the suspension, steering and electronic control systems deliver greater responsiveness, agility, precision and an exhilarating driving experience – whichever powertrain you choose."

▲ Ford Focus ST

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Chard robbed by injury time score

Chard 27 Brixham 31

National League Three (south-west)

This was without doubt Chard's best performance of the season but a try six minutes into injury time denied them victory against one of the more fancied teams in the league *writes Glyn Hughes*.

Chard had to settle for a losing bonus point but this display will give everyone at the club a lot of encouragement and, with more players gradually returning from injury, there was plenty to suggest that the team can be very optimistic about the remainder of the season.

Brixham looked confident in their warm-up routines but were swiftly brought down to earth when, from their first attack Chard drove the visiting forwards backwards and number eight Rob Burnell crashed over for a fine forwards try which centre Mike Laughton converted from the touchline.

The visitors were a strong unit and they quickly took the game to Chard who found themselves pinned back in their own half for some time but they defended heroically and despite the pressure, and several possible kickable penalties, Brixham were unable to cross the line and the hosts maintained their lead.

Chard missed a penalty attempt on 36 minutes but a few minutes later scored a second try thanks to some superb individual play from Laughton.

Possession was won inside the visiting 22 and when the ball was passed swiftly down the line Laughton chipped over the on-rushing defence and reclaimed the ball to score a brilliant try under the posts.

Laughton added the conversion points and Chard held a 14-0 advantage at the break.

Brixham responded well in the second half and pinned Chard back with a penalty to the corner and immediately reduced the deficit with a catch and drive try from Poulson which Lovell converted.

Chard banked three points back from the boot of Laughton but from the restart Brixham got their second try with Matt Crosscombe going over for an unconverted effort and Chard also had a player sent to the bin for illegal play.

Brixham took advantage of the numerical advantage and their forwards set up a converted try for prop Declan Sexton which put the visitors in the lead for the first time.

In a thoroughly entertaining game Laughton got Chard back in front with a penalty goal and then converted a try he scored himself having outpaced the Brixham defence who failed to deal with a long kick down field.

With only minutes to go Brixham got another typical forwards try in the corner and from the restart went all out for a win.

They could have squared things up with a possible penalty attempt but chose to go for a try and they were rewarded with a converted effort in the sixth minute of added on time which was heartbreaking for Chard players and supporters alike.

This was a great game for the neutrals but Chard certainly fully deserved the huge ovation they got from their supporters at the final whistle.

Chard: *Harrison, Stead, Douglas, Laughton, Mays, Hayward,Selway, Burnell,Wright, Helliar,Parsons (Capt), Mortensen, Aplin, Robinson, Biss, Replacements J Massey, B Sugar, A Henley*

Tomorrow Chard are away against Weston -super-Mare (kick off 2.15 pm).

The 2nd xv are at home against North Petherton 2nds and the 3rdxv welcome Frome 3rds, kick-off for both matches is 2pm. The Colts are due to entertain North Petherton

Would supporters please note that until the clocks move forward in March 2015 all senior home matches at Chard will kick-off at 2pm.

◆ **The annual fireworks display at the club is on Wednesday, November 5th with gates open at 6.30pm, admission is £5 (free for under 10s).**

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Weston-super-Mare	8	-109	7
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Pinbusters	5	44
Beer Leg Boys	5	33
Willy Low Flyers	5	30
No Name Yet	5	27
Sandbaggers	5	23
Ugly Ducklings	5	17
Rotary	5	13
Likely Lads	5	13
Kings Men	5	8

ILMINSTER

Division One: Crown Crusaders 437-11 (S.Paul 71) Ashill Boys 399-1 (W.Stanton 64), Ashill Inn 362-9 (M.Gabriel 52) Crown Royals 352-3 (R.Priddle 54), Flying Turkeys 420-9 (O.Oliver 64) Flying Turkeys Allstars 402-3 (D.Dabinett 69), Flying Turkeys Allstars 388-10 (D.Dabinett 56) Rockey's Rollers 382-2 (K.Wilmington 54).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Flying Turkeys	8	73
Crown Crusaders	7	59
Ashill Inn	7	48
Flying Turkeys AS	7	48
Rockey's Rollers	6	37
Royal Oak Faces	7	35
Ashill Boys	7	35
Bell A	6	22
Crown Royals	7	15

Division Two: Wyndham Warriors 313-3 (K.Kneeshaw 46) Hatch Beagles 336-9 (H.Dibble 49), Ilton Choppers 335-3 (W.Holland 46) Kingshead 341-9 (I.Kendall 53), Bell Vroadway 342-2 (P.Lavis 55) Cricketers 368-10 (N.Cherry 48).

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Hatch Beagles	8	66
Bell Broadway	7	65
Nomads	7	61
Cricketers	7	59
Wyndham Warriors	7	39
Wyndham Clangers	6	25
King's Head	7	25
Ilton Choppers	6	17
Hatch Eggs	7	15

Olympic call up for West

MCKINLAYS 1st Chard Wheelers' annual Hill Climb championship took place on Yarcombe hill last Sunday.

George Fowler won the event and set a new club record for the hill of 5 minutes and 14 seconds.

Rex Facey's long standing previous club record finally fell to Fowler, who has been in top hill climbing form recently recording victories at Sidmouth and High Ham. Facey continued his run of form taking second place. Andy Mapson, Mark Hughes and Kev Pearce followed in that order. Adrian Lane was the top Junior rider, while Wiebke Rietz took the Ladies prize and Rowan Eliis topped the youth listing.

The Winter track league at the Newport velodrome in South wales is now underway.

Evan Richards recorded a debut victory in the Division C, while Joe West, Ruby Bond, Rowan Ellis and Ryan White have also ridden well in their divisions to take podium positions.

West has been selected by British Cycling to join their Olympic Apprentice Program.

schoolsports news from holyrood

Holyrood hit half dozen in cup-tie

THE Holyrood Academy Sixth Form football team recorded a 6-2 win at Churchill in the preliminary round of the Somerset under 19 cup.

Holyrood took an early lead through Dan Anjos. Five minutes later it was 2-0 when a spectacular long range effort by Jack Whitehead totally deceived the Churchill keeper.

On the half hour Braeden Symes broke free to make it 3-0 at half time.

Churchill upped the tempo at start of second half and pulled a goal back but Holyrood responded and Alex Atkins slotted home .

Churchill continued to press and, with 15 minutes left, scored their second to make it 4-2.

But the visitors weren't finished. Josh Betts drilled home number five after a goalmouth scramble and in the final minute Symes broke clear from half way jinked around the keeper and rounded off the scoring in an excellent team performance with MoM Willis Lawrence outstanding in midfield.

County hockey victory

Liam Bale, Joe Hull and Man-of-the-Match Ryan Lewis scored the goals as Holrood won their Year nine County Cup match 3-1 against visiting Haygrove.

Avishayes triumph

AVISHAYES emerged victorious as Holyrood Academy invited children from the local primary schools to take part in a football competition.

This time, it was the Under 9s turn to demonstrate their skills with seven schools represented by 18 girls and 38 boys on Tuesday, October 21st.

All the teams showed promise and technique, impressing the Academy's Sixth Form students who were officiating throughout.

Primary School Sports Co-Ordinator, Mr Jason Hedaux, felt the event demonstrated the Academy's efforts to encourage competitive sport among children. Principal, Mr Martin Brook said: "We are always looking for ways to further strengthen the links we have with our Primary Schools and these special events will remain a focus for Holyrood's community efforts throughout the year."

◆ **CUP WIN:** The Holyrood Academy sixth form team which progressed in the Somerset under 19 cup with a 6-2 win preliminary round win at Churchill.

jack high bowls news

Taunton too strong

CHARD *by Sandra Sumpter*

IN the **Milford & Dormor League** Royals played Hurricanes and Magpies were up against Hurricanes.

This was one of those games where the final score is not a true reflection of the game. Harlequins did win more ends and when they took an end it was usually by a large score. Harlequins finally won 15-8.

Magpies vs Hurricanes was another close game. The score was tied at halfway. Magpies went ahead, but Hurricanes fought back and the game ended in a 11-11 draw.

CREWKERNE SMBC *by Gordon Bodily*

ON Monday, October 20th our visitors were ODDCOMBE to play a mixed friendly, scores; Dave Charnick Tricia Harris & Bill Green 16-5. Pat Crisp, Dave Wallis & John Lacey 5-14. Mikki Simmonds, Stuart & Alan Spinney 6-9. Pat Crisp, Jackie Mitchell & Gordon Bodily 6-16. Gwen Saunders & Frank Smith 6-7. John Lacey, Carol Thackaberry 7 Sid Crisp 10-8.

Final score Crewkerne 49 Oddcombe 59.

ILMINSTER *by Des Maull*

LAST Thursday Ilminster Men B team played in the over 60s double rink against ST ANDREWS B team (WSM) while the home team won by five shots the away team lost 27-8 the St Andrews winning margin was 14 shots.

Details: Home - Cliff Whelan, Mike King, Roy Orme and Rod Parkin 15, B Forse 10; Away - Ian Dunford, Derek Carter, John Mitchell and Roger Lench 8, G Guest 27.

On the same day Ilminster Ladies played MINEHEAD in a county league match winning at home 26-10 but losing 27-12 away winning overall by just one shot.

Details: Home - Dot Whelan, Hilary Leamon, Penny Stow and Heather Grinter 26, J Morell 10; Away - Margaret Evans, Norma Pugh, Maureen Mitchell and Monica Woodland 12, H Blackmoor 27.

Last Saturday WINSCOMBE were the visitors in the annual three-rink friendly. Ilminster won one rink, lost on two and lost overall by 53 shots to 48.

Details: Des Maull, Ray Dolby, Ken Parker and Barry Sims 26, M Adams 7; Roy Orme, John Mitchell, Roger Lench and Rod Parkin 11, A Watts 16; Eddie Hadfield, Mike King, Robin Trump and John Osborne 11, M Nash 30.

The following day Ilminster played in the Egham Trophy, a national mixed competition, against TAUNTON DEANE BC.

On the day Ilminster came up against a very strong side which included England players Rob Paxton and Kirsty Hembrow who helped to clinch a 95 to 56 point win.

Details. Home - Myra Childs, Sue Spurway, Will Anderson and Peter Mattravers 9, Rob Paxton 32; Tony Peterson, Alison Atyeo, Bev Brister and June Checketts 17, Don Fowlks 20; Away - Dot Whelan, Maureen Mitchell, Kevin Hamilton and Steve Turner 17, S Hooper 16; Angie Thompson, Heather Grinter, Ian Lightfoot and Jason Miles 13, J Amery 27.

With the indoor leagues now in their fourth week we have one unbeaten team in each of the eight leagues.

LOCAL FOOTBALL ROUND UP

with Howard Larcombe
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Budleigh Butchered as Ed takes 5!

Chinnocks extend lead at the top of Premier

Chard Town 0 Cheddar 1
Toolstation Division One – att: 69

A THIRD consecutive home defeat has seen Chard Town slip down to mid-table in the Toolstation League Division One.

The Robins were left to rue two Andy Martin efforts that came back off the woodwork in a lively opening quarter.

Chard manager Adam Fricker gave a debut to new signing Craig Mawford but the defender was forced off with a hamstring strain after half an hour.

The winner came midway through the second period when George Booth fired past Nathan Whatley in the Chard goal.

The disappointing crowd attendance of 69 was Chard's smallest of the current campaign.

Chard; N.Whatley, B.Haines, L.Bailey, G.Chlopcki, C.Mawford (J.Barfoot 33), J.Underwood, N.Warren, L.Gillman (B.Symes 77), S.Clark, A.Martin, O.Latas.

Fricker is likely to be without Mawford, Jason Hutchings (injured) and Scott Hollnad (work) for tomorrow's visit by KEYNSHAM TOWN (3pm ko) - squad; *N.Whatley, J.Barfoot, B.Haines, J.Underwood, L.Bailey, L.Gillman, G.Chlopecki, A.Martin, O.Latas, S.Clark, B.Symes, M.Scott, A.Fricker.*

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

CHARD Town Reserves, and striker Ed Butcher in particular, showed no mercy on bottom-of-the-table Budleigh Salterton last Saturday.

Butcher scored five times with singles from Ben Mear and Adam Tovey in a 7-0 drubbing.

It's the third time Butcher has completed a personal nap-hand having repeated the feat twice back in the 2012-13 season for former club Crewkerne Town in the Perry Street League Premier Division.

Chard are in Somerset Senior cup round one action at Banwell tomorrow (1.45ko).

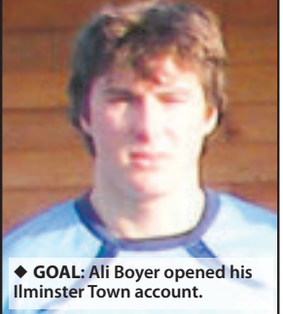
In Division Five ILMINSTER TOWN RESERVES remain in the bottom two following a 1-0 home defeat by Winkleigh.

Both the Chard and Ilminster are without a fixtures tomorrow.

SOMERSET LEAGUE

ILMINSTER TOWN dropped into the wrong half of the Premier Division table after a 4-1 reverse at Clutton.

Injuries to Jonny May and Charlie Rutter certainly didn't help The Blues who were level at 1-1 thanks to Ali Boyer's first goal for the club after signing from Beaminster in the summer.



◆ **GOAL:** Ali Boyer opened his Ilminster Town account.

A goals return of just six in 10 games will be causing concern at the Rec. This should be improved tomorrow when Darren Manley's side welcome Somerset League Division Two outfit Churchill Club with a place in last 32 of the Somerset Senior Cup at stake.

COMBE ST NICHOLAS were held to a 1-1 draw in an eventful Division Two cup-tie by Nailsea Utd Reserves at Slades Cross.

After a goal less first-half Nailsea took the lead on the hour.

Five minutes later Combe had Harry Boddington red-carded by referee Peter Mawhood.

Indeterred, the Saints still crafted good chances that Luke Finn and Dan Collins failed to grasp.

Combe were then reduced to nine men when referee Mawhood brandished his red card again - this time sending Matt Brown off for an early shower.

But remarkably the depleted hosts grabbed an equaliser through substitute Chris Warry's free-kick ten minutes from time and they even squandered a late open goal opportunity!

Come welcome South Cheriton Utd for a Somerset Senior Cup second round tie tomorrow (1.45ko).

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

Coronation Cup Quarter-Finals

Crewkerne Town 3 Perry Street 0

CREWKERNE Town marked their return to Henhayes by booking a Coronation Cup semi-final place against rivals Shepton Beauchamp.

The hosts took the lead after just 25 seconds when Jamie Spurdle chipped home from 20 yards after good work from Mikey McCormack without a single Perry Street player having touched the ball!

The Tigers continued to enjoy the lion's share of possession until half-time but couldn't craft the killer second goal.

Adam Dawe finally found a way through after the turnaround to put Crewkerne in control.

The Mothers squandered a golden chance to get back into the game when home manager-keeper Matt Bisgrove dragged a Street striker down in the area.

But Bisgrove atoned for his error with a fine save to keep out Grant Symes' penalty.

Liam Riste added a third in the 85th minute for Crewkerne who welcomed back experienced defender Jason Manley after a brief spell back at former club Gillingham Town.

Misterton 1 Combe Reserves 6

FOUR goals from midfielder Wayne Behan saw Combe Reserves drive another nail into Misterton's already developing relegation coffin.

Tom Shire (pen) and Simon Vincent also scored for the Saints who were held to 1-1 at half-time with Chaz Warren on target for Missy.

Shepton Beauchamp 4 Beaminster 2

SHEPTON Beauchamp extended their unbeaten run at their Slway lane Ground to 10 matches with a hard-fought victory over unpredictable Beaminster.

Murray Legg scrambled a close range effort over the line in the 11th minute to put the hosts ahead only for Dan Peach and Aaron Sweet to score twice in a five minute purple patch at the other end on around the half hour.

Josh Hunter squared things up at 2-2 on the stroke of half-time.

Dan Peach netted a penalty to edge Shepton back front before Dan Smith wrapped things up near the end.

South Petherton 1 Lyme Regis Res 0

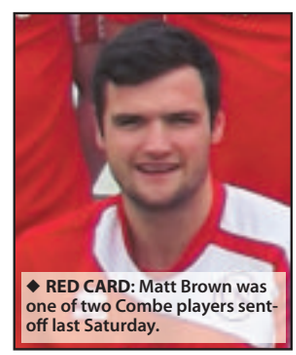
A DANNY Rendall penalty midway through the second-half was enough to decide this quarter-final up at Lightgate Lane.

In a game of few chances Lyme keeper Mark Tozer did well to keep out a Jody Bovey shot in a one-on-one chance and the striker struck the cross bar from a similar chance soon after.

◆ **Semi-final draw (Nov 29th);**
Combe Reserves v South Petherton
Shepton Beau v Crewkerne Town

Knockout cups - round-up

THE four **Division One Cup** Quarter-finals went with form.



◆ **RED CARD:** Matt Brown was one of two Combe players sent-off last Saturday.

The weekend's top-scorers were Barrington who were 4-0 up inside 20 minutes and 7-0 at half-time as they hammered Lyme Bantams 9-2.

Top-scorer Andy Whitefield moved up to 12 for the season with a double with the other goals coming from Ian Masters (2), Guy Dare (2), Paul Oliver, Mike Towill and Sam Spurway.

Netherbury also had few problems as they breezed past Farway United 5-1.

The other two ties were much closer. Winsham United needed two Tom Stead goals in the 116th and 119th minutes to finally see off Pymore 4-2. Shane Partridge and Lee Smoulden, his first for the club, netted the Winsh goals in normal time.

Over at Seavington Andy Stephenson's double saw Forton Rangers beat hosts Luso-Chard 2-1. Tiago Casimiro scored for Luso.

◆ **Semi-final draw (Nov 29th);**
Barrington v Forton Rangers
Netherbury v Winshgam Utd

It was a similar story in the **John Fowler Cup** with no real shocks.

Nathan Doey bagged a hat-trick and singles from Matt Vinall, Lee Mears and Chris Lang saw Dowlish & Donyatt to a 6-1 win at Chard Rangers whose consolation came from Bradley Cambridge.

Meanwhile, four-goal Jordan Brain was the star of the show at Harry's Field where Shepton Beauchamp Reserves beat hosts Millwey Rise Reserves 5-1. Tom Brister scored the other Shepton goal.

Chard United Reserves went down 5-2 at Hawkchurch United. Liam Male took his tally to seven in four with both goals for Chard who succumbed to a second-half Andy Dymond hat-trick.

Kingsbury Episcopi were handed a walkover in the other tie when South Petherton Reserves failed to raise a team.

◆ **Semi-Final draw (Nov 29th);**
Dowlish & Donyatt v Shepton Res
Kingsbury Episc v Hawkchurch Utd

LEAGUE ROUND-UP

PREMIER

Ilminster Colts 0 W& M Chinnock 9

FREESCORING West & Middle Chinnock had a hat-trick hero for the third consecutive game as Ilminster Colts were hammered on their own turf.

This time it was Mark Cawley who waded in with the triple with the other goals coming from Connor Fletcher (2), Liam Bennett, Sandy Veale, Liam Samways and George Trott as the Chinnocks racked up their biggest ever PSDL away win.

A Mark Pike goal decided the day's only **Division One** game as Chard United went down 1-0 against Millwey Rise at Jocelyn Park.

There were big wins from Drimpton and Beaminster Res in **Division Two**.

Lee Banks (2), Paul Richards, Terry Farrell and Nick Murphy scored as Drimpton won 5-0 at Crewkerne Rangers. The Greens' watertight defence has now chalked-up seven clean sheets in their eight league matches so far!

At the same time Joe Hawkins was helping himself to hat-trick as Beaminster battered managerless Ilminster A 7-1. Joe Carbin scored for the visitors from the penalty spot.

Bryan Garrett also grabbed a hat-trick as Thorncombe beat visiting Charmouth 4-1. Ex-Combe striker Warren Gabbidon was also on target for the Thorns.

The only game in **Division Three** ended all-square with Luke Woodard on target for hosts Barrington Reserves and Josh Higgins for Thorncombe Reserves in a 1-1 draw. Thorns gloveman Andrew Sochon did well to keep out a late Wes King penalty.

Meanwhile, it's already looking like a two-horse race for the **Division Four** title.

A Graham Cleal hat-trick in a 3-1 win over bottom-of-the-table Chard United Allstars keeps Combe B in top-spot.

But the League's top-scorers Merriott Rovers moved through the 40-goal barrier with a 6-1 walloping of Winsham Utd Reserves to keep up the pressure on the Saints.

Kev Richardson (2), Ask Cooper, Sam Rowswell, Mark Tweedie and Dan Rudge (pen) netted for the Rovers with Willis Lawrence replying.

Hinton moved up to fourth in the chasing pack with Danny Baker scoring four in a 5-3 win over Chard Rangers Reserves. Player-manager Ross Jewell had the other goal for the victors with Kevin Cavanagh (2) and Rory Helliar on target for Rangers.

Finally goals from Craig Studley and Chris Fry helped Drimpton Reserves clamber out of the bottom two with a 2-0 home win over Crewkerne Rangers Reserves.

◆ **DECIDER:** Danny Rendall's spot-kick saw South Petherton to a narrow quarter-final victory.

RESULTS, Saturday, October 25th

CORONATION CUP QF
Crewkerne Town 3 Perry Street 0
Misterton 1 Combe Res 6
Shepton Beauchamp 4 Beaminster 2
South Petherton 1 Lyme Regis Res 0

DIVISION ONE CUP
Luso-Chard 1 Forton Rangers 2
Lyme Regis Bantams 2 Barrington 9
Netherbury 5 Farway Utd 1
Winsham Utd 4 Pymore 2 (aet)

JOHN FOWLER CUP
Chard Rangers 1 Dowlish & Donyatt 6
Hawkchurch Utd 5 Chard Utd Res 2
Kingsbury Episcopi h/w South Petherton Res
Millwey Rise Res 1 Shepton Beauchamp Res 5

PREMIER
Ilminster Colts 0 West & Middle Chinnock 9

DIVISION ONE
Chard Utd 0 Millwey Rise 1

DIVISION TWO
Beaminster Res 7 Ilminster Town A 1
Crewkerne Rangers 0 Drimpton 5
Thorncombe 4 Charmouth 1
Uplyme 1 Waytown Hounds 4

DIVISION THREE
Barrington Res 1 Thorncombe Res 1

DIVISION FOUR
Combe St Nicholas B 3 Chard Utd Allstars 1
Drimpton Res 2 Crewkerne Rangers Res 0
Farway Utd Res 2 Uplyme Res 5
Hinton St George 5 Chard Rangers Res 3
Merriott Rovers 6 Winsham Utd Res 1

FIXTURES – November 1st

DEVON INTERMEDIATE CUP – R2
Alphington v v Millwey Rise (2pm)

DORSET JUNIOR CUP R2 (last 16) 1.30ko
Netherbury v Portland Town
Normalair RSL v Charmouth
Sturminster Marshall A-W Drimpton

PREMIER DIVISION
Crewkerne Town v Lyme Regis Res
Misterton v Beaminster
Perry Street v West & Middle Chinnock
Shepton Beauchamp v Ilminster Town Colts
South Petherton v Combe St Nicholas Res

DIVISION ONE
Barrington v Winsham Utd
Lyme Regis Bantams v Forton Rangers
Pymore v Luso-Chard

DIVISION TWO
Beaminster Res v Combe St Nicholas A
Ilminster Town A v Crewkerne Rangers

DIVISION THREE
Chard Utd Res v South Petherton Res
Kingsbury Episc v Shepton Beauchamp Res
Merriott Dynamos v Chard Rangers
Millwey Rise Res v Barrington Res
Thorncombe Res v Dowlish & Donyatt

DIVISION FOUR
Chard Utd Allstars v Winsham Utd Res
Drimpton Res v Farway Utd Res
Hinton St George v Uplyme Res

As they stand

Toolstation Div 1	Pld	+/-	Pts
Barnstaple Town	14	49	35
Wincanton Town	16	15	33
Ashton & Backwell	16	12	33
Cribbs	17	10	33
Almondsbury UWE	16	5	32
Welton Rovers	15	6	30
Corsham Town	15	12	28
Oldland Abbotonians	17	-4	27
Hengrove Athletic	16	4	26
Cheddar	17	-3	24
CHARD TOWN	***17***	***-5***	***24***
Calne Town	17	-3	22
Keynsham Town	16	-14	18
Wells City	17	-2	17
Warminster Town	15	-5	15
Radstock Town	16	-7	15
Westbury United	17	-16	15
Chippenham Park	13	-1	14
Devizes Town	17	-7	13
Wellington	15	-10	12
Roman Glass St G	15	-16	12
Portishead Town	16	-20	8

Somerset Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Shirehampton	13	20	34
Bishops Lydeard	14	3	28
Frome Collegians	14	11	25
Clutton	14	7	25
Watchet Town	13	13	24
Nailsea Utd	13	8	21
Cutters Friday	12	3	22
Minehead	14	1	20
Wrington Redhill	13	-2	19
Yatton Athletic	14	-11	19
Fry Club	12	-1	17
ILMINSTER TOWN	***14***	***-15***	***15***
Bridgwater Town Res	12	-2	14
Berrow	14	-9	13
Broad Plain House	14	-5	10
Stockwood Green	13	-10	10
Odd Down Res	12	-7	9
Nailsea Town	12	-8	8

Somerset Div 2W	Pld	+/-	Pts
Winscombe	8	33	21
Worle	10	18	20
Kewstoke Lions	8	11	18
Uphill Castle	7	7	16
COMBE St NICHOLAS	***7***	***12***	***15***
Clevedon Utd Res	10	0	12
Cheddar Res	8	-5	11
Taunton Utd 1610	8	0	10
Nailsea Utd Res	7	-3	10
Highbridge Town	8	10	9
Nailsea Town Res	9	-3	9
Churchill Club 70	8	-11	7
Burnham Utd Res	8	-30	3
Weston St Johns Res	7	-40	1

D & E Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Tiverton Town Res	9	33	24
Heavitree Utd	9	16	19
Feniton	6	20	16
Elmore	8	5	16
CHARD TOWN RES	***10***	***7***	***15***
Hatherleigh Town	6	9	12
Sidbury Utd	6	6	12
Thorverton	6	12	10
Exeter University Res	7	1	10
Beer Albion	7	-5	10
Topsham Town	6	12	9
Newtown	10	-10	9
Seaton Town	7	-9	5
Willand Rovers Res	10	-15	5
Bow AAC	6	-9	2
Budleigh Salterton Res	11	-73	1

D & E Division 5	Pld	+/-	Pts
Feniton Res	8	13	18
Uplowman Athletic	7	11	16
Sandford	7	10	16
Fluxton	5	13	13
Sampford Peverell	7	10	13
Otterton	8	1	13
Winkleigh	5	6	9
Priory	4	3	9
Honiton Town Res	6	5	7
Halwill Res	5	-1	6
Hatherleigh Town Res	7	-14	6
Starcross Generals	6	-5	4
ILMINSTER TOWN RES	***9***	***-24***	***3***
Stoke Hill	8	-28	1

PSDL Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
West & Middle Chinnock	6	26	18
Shepton Beauchamp	6	16	15
Perry Street	6	16	13
Crewkerne Town	3	13	9
South Petherton	5	8	7
Combe St Nicholas Res	6	2	6
Beaminster	6	-7	6
Lyme Regis Res	6	-9	6
Misterton	6	-31	3
Ilminster Town Colts	5	-35	0

Division One	Pld	+/-	Pts
Winsham Utd	7	19	18
Barrington	5	19	15
Millwey Rise	6	13	13
Netherbury	7	0	11
Chard Utd	8	2	10
Forton Rangers	7	1	10
Lyme Regis Bantams	6	-1	10
Luso-Chard	6	-9	6
Pymore	7	-14	3
Farway Utd	7	-30	0

Division Two	Pld	+/-	Pts
Drimpton	8	28	22
Crewkerne Town Res	6	15	16
Thorncombe	7	12	15
Waytown Hounds	9	3	13
Crewkerne Rangers	7	-9	10
Charmouth	9	-13	7
Uplyme	5	2	6
Beaminster Res	7	-3	4
Combe St Nicholas A	5	-10	2
Ilminster Town A	5	-25	-2*

Division Three	Pld	+/-	Pts
Barrington Res	6	11	14
Kingsbury Episcopi	7	9	14
Dowlish & Donyatt	6	12	12
Chard Utd Res	6	4	12
South Petherton Res	6	6	10
Thorncombe Res	7	-9	7
Hawkchurch Utd	5	1	6
Shepton Beau Res	5	-7	6
Merriott Dynamos	5	-6	4
Millwey Rise Res	5	-9	3
Chard Rangers	4	-12	1

Division Four	Pld	+/-	Pts
Combe St Nicholas B	7	22	19
Merriott Rovers	6	33	18
Uplyme Res	6	5	12
Hinton St George	5	7	10
Crewkerne Rangers Res	7	-1	9
Winsham Utd Res	7	-4	8
Chard Rangers Res	6	-9	6
Drimpton Res	8	-11	6
Farway Utd Res	4	-3	3
Chard Utd All Stars	8	-39	3

*= points deducted

Are they finally getting to grips with grappling?

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WHY it hasn't happened before I do not know, but it looks like at last the authorities are at least being made aware of one of the most obvious offences of foul play; grappling, holding, blocking, or downright wrestling.

This followed the double headlocks of Manchester United's Chris Smalling and Marcos Rojo on Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic and John Terry respectively at the same corner during Sunday's game.

This act of illegal restraint has been going on for years, but only now have the authorities woken up to it and thinking about stopping what is just about the most blatant foul in football.

I have been banging on about this for years. It started initially with shirt pulling which referees appeared to accept, particularly as the offended decided to retaliate by holding the offender, which I guess the ref decided was fair play.

That has escalated to full body contact with the result it looks like Saturday afternoon wrestling with Jackie Pallo and Mick McManus going at each other.

It appears to get worse higher up the pyramid and the greater need to succeed as the obscene amount of money thrown at clubs by television companies increases.

I witnessed this at first hand last season. Although some of these tricks were seen occasionally in League One, Yeovil's year in the Championship was an eye opener.

It started on the first day of the season with the biggest offenders of the lot, Birmingham City.

From the first whistle, they were cajoling, pushing, pulling, bear hugging, you name it; not just in the penalty area, but all over the pitch; and probably why I feel no sympathy for the Blues current situation at the bottom of the league having just been thumped 8-0 by Bournemouth.

Of course it isn't entirely the players fault; the referees are in control of the game and whilst they and their assistants can't have eyes in the back of their heads, they turn a blind eye to most of what is going on.

If they were to referee the game in line with the rules of the game, and have the guts to call the fouls it would soon stop, but of course you have to ensure all referees are consistent, and this is another problem.

Going back to my playing days in the 60s and 70s, and of course remembering it was only junior football, but we all had the greatest respect for a referee called Doug Pomeroy. A small man who was very friendly off the pitch, he had total control of the game, and you knew not to mess with Doug!

He didn't miss a thing, blowing his whistle and pointing to the exact spot where the offence took place. You try and gain a foot even, and he would blow again and keep pointing at the spot.

You soon learned to respect him and once you knew him you did not try to take advantage, and the game was better for it.

I also question why the FA, Football League or Referees Association have ignored the growing trend.

The laws of the game clearly state that a direct free-kick should be awarded "following offences in a manner considered by the referee to be careless, reckless or using excessive force" which covers most of the offences I have mentioned, and that, "a penalty is awarded if an offence is committed by a player inside his own penalty area, irrespective of the position of the ball, provided it is in play."

Seems pretty clear to me!

However if the referees are not willing, or capable of carrying out the law, and the assessors not marking down officials for not calling it, then what chance is there for the problem to be eradicated.

The players will continue to do it until someone stops them, and at the moment that doesn't look likely.

I suspect some referees know the rules but are worried that the clubs will mark them down and they will be dropped.

The Daily Mail has just launched a campaign called "Hands off in the box" which time will tell if it will get backing, but let's look at stopping it all over the field, and clean up the game!

hockey chard

Dening's gem in vain

Chard A 1 Bridgwater 2

DESPITE a wonder goal from Harvey Dening Chard were left empty handed as table topping Bridgwater came from behind to snatch the points.

For the first quarter of an hour Chard's quick, short passing game that has served them so well this season gave them the edge and put pressure on the visitors' defence.

However, Bridgwater's own attacking threat became apparent with two swift counter attacks which split Chard's defence and only narrowly missed out on opening the scoring. But the first half ended goalless.

Two minutes after the interval Chard made the breakthrough. Man-of-the-Match Dening drifted in from the left wing to just inside the D but from an acute angle it seemed all he could was cross.

Instead his reverse stick sweep sent a shot rocketing into the top corner, stunning players and spectators alike. Bridgwater's response was swift.

In a goalmouth scramble keeper Callum Bailey was called into action to make three stops and kicked clearances.

But Bailey could do nothing to stop the visiting bustling centre-forward equalising a short time later, finishing a sweeping move.

James Spurdle battled as hard as anyone in midfield and it looked as though this effort had been rewarded with a second Chard goal. However, his shot, unlike Dening's was from just outside the D.

Apart from this effort and a couple of shots just off target from penalty corners, Bridgwater's keeper had little to cause him any discomfort as the defence soaked up Chard's attacks.

With less than ten minutes left another Bridgwater attack down right wing produced a cross for one of their unmarked midfielders to run onto and to fire past Bailey for the winner.

Thanks to umpires Jim Sainsbury and Hannah McGown and match sponsor Brecknell Willis.

South-East 2 table	Pld	GD	Pts
Bridgwater B	4	15	6
West Dorset A	4	4	9
North Devon A	4	10	6
Bridgwater C	4	2	4
CHARD A	4	6	3
Sidmouth & Ottery D	4	-1	3
Sidmouth & Ottery C	4	-3	3
Ashmoor A4	4	-2	1
Minehead B	4	-6	0
Taunton Vale D	4	-25	0

cricket ilton cc annual awards

All rounder Venn lands notable treble

ILTON Cricket Club held its annual presentation evening last week. Awards were presented for both senior players and club members in recognition of achievements during the past season.

The Clubman of the Year went to club coaches Amber Watson, Damian Price, Nick Auger chosen for their dedication in supporting the club and making successful progress with the junior and youth players.

The presentation was completed with a thank you from Club Chairman Tim Lloyd, to the committee and volunteers who donate so much time and energy into keeping the club running.

Special mention went to Amber Watson and Damian Price who are both devoted toward making the club a success, tasks range from managing adult and junior teams, green keeping, managing club facilities.

Also to mentioned were Hillary Lloyd, Jane Mitchell, Jennifer & Graeme Price, for preparing such a marvellous meal on the evening. Secretary Nick Watson & club Mark Co-Ordinator Dave Dibb were thanked for their help during the season.

◆ **CLUB SPIRIT:** Ilton CC Chairman Tim Lloyd and Club President Pete Ash pictured with players and coaches.

Club awards were won by:

Sunday team; Bowler - Nick Hitchcott, Batsman - Barry Isaacs, Player of the Year - Dean Male.

Midweek team; Bowler – Damian Price, Batsman – Brett Venn, Player of the Year –Brett Venn.

Young player - Harry Macdonald.

2nd XI; Bowler – Jack Payne, Runner up – Harry Mitchell, Batsman Winner – Andy Clydesdale, Runner up – Colin Horne, Players Player of the year – Steve Lonton, Player of the year – Andy Clydesdale.

1st XI; Bowler – Andy Fooks, Runner up – Brett Venn, Batsman Nat Price, Runner up – Brett Venn, Players Player of the year - Brett Venn, Player of the year – Brett Venn.

Clubman of the year – Amber Watson, Damian Price & Nick Auger.

Dates for the calendar:

Friday, November 14th: Cricket Club Bingo - Doors open at 6.30pm, Eyes down at 7.30pm.

Saturday, November 22nd: AGM at Ilton Club house 6pm start

February: Training commences.

◆ New players or Social members are always welcome. If you are interested contact the Club Secretary on 01460 54597 or email iltoncricketclub@gmail.com

Swimmers enjoy Olympic flavour

SATURDAYS for Chard & District swimming club usually start with a two-hour training session at Axminster but last Saturday the Flamingo pool was swapped for the London Aquatic Centre in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Stratford.

Following a visit by club treasurer Pat Riley and his daughter Molli shortly after the London 2012 pool was opened to the public, enquiries were made to the possibility of organising a club visit.

In line with their remit under the Olympic legacy to provide access on varying levels, pool organisers were happy to make four lanes of the 50 metre pool available to 50 or so Chard swimmers who made the journey to London.

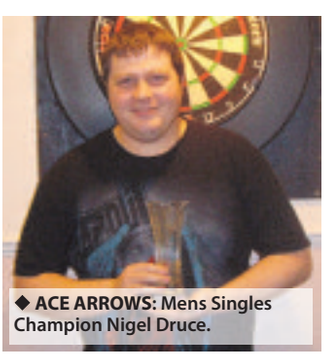
Following their 2 hour session, some of the swimmers were given the opportunity to use the same diving boards used in the Olympic competitions.

Swimmers and Club coaches, led by June Turner, felt privileged to go poolside at the iconic venue where Michael Phelps and Rebecca Adlington had competed during the London games.

It will be back to their regular haunt at the flamingo pool tomorrow. To get in touch with chard and district swimming club visit their website at www.chardswimming.org.uk/

Chard Darters celebrate

◆ **CHAMPIONS:** Ali Warren Alan Sprake & Becky Genge from the Madhouse Crew.



◆ **ACE ARROWS:** Mens Singles Champion Nigel Druce.

EIGHT teams entered a mixed 3s competition held as part of the recent Chard Darts League Summer Presentation evening.

The Greases Gang team of, Dave and Diana Mears and Leighton Cox beat The Clubbers (Gary Hill, Audrey Derham and Alan Derham) in the final.

The League Trophies were then presented by League secretary Luke Lawrence and President Ian Scott. Recipients were as follows;

Premier division winners: Barmy Lot, Runners-up: The Clubbers.

First Division winners: Madhouse Crew, Runners-up: Mighty Oaks.

Mens singles winner: Nigel Druce, Runner up: Kevin Ayres.

Womens singles winner: Becky Genge, Runner up: Zoe Hallett.

Shane Goodall Trophy winners: Dave Mears & Robin Cox.

◆ *The Shane Goodall trophy was introduced this year after Shane, who was a respected and prominent dart player for many years in this league lost his battle with cancer.*

A pairs competition held at the Phoenix along with a couple of other events raised £400 which is being donated to the Beacon Unit, Musgrove hospital in Taunton.

More photos next week

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